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PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER

STORMING THE HEAVENS Catholics estimated by police at around 7,000 to 10,000 brave the daylong bad weather on Saturday to attend the prayer rally at the historic Edsa Shrine spearheaded by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines to protest the reproductive health bill, renamed responsible parenthood bill. The rally's numbers did not add up to the organizers' expectation of 50,000, no doubt due to the endless rain.

'Contraception is corruption'

'BLADE RUNNER' MAKES OLYMPIC HISTORY South Africa's double amputee athlete Oscar Pistorius takes the start of the men's 400m heats of the London 2012 Olympic Games on Saturday, thus making Olympic athletics history when he became the first double amputee to compete in an athletics event. (Story on Page A12.) AFP

'Kung walang anak, walang mahirap'

By Kristine L. Alave

THE ABOVE are only two of the quotable quotes that the Catholic leadership said yesterday to denounce President Aquino for supporting the reproductive health bill, saying it undermined his promise to the people to stamp out corruption.

"You heard when candidate, now President Noynoy Aquino said during his campaign, 'Kung walang corrupt, walang mahirap (without corruption, there will be no poverty)," Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas said in a message read for him by the country's former ambassador to the Vatican, Henrietta de Villa, to thousands of Catholics at the historic Edsa Shrine who braved the rain and foul weather to protest a proposed law that would provide free contraceptives in a bid to curb population.

"My dear youth, contraception is corruption. The use of government money (taxpayers' money) to give out contraceptive pills is cor-

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Catholics from north to south heed CBCP's protest call • RH bill can't be drafted to adhere to one religion, says Sen. Pia / A11

Barriga loses, PH boxing officials file protest

By Artemio T. Dagnalan
News Editor

LONDON—Mark Barriga's brief run in the Olympic Games ended in the ring on Saturday when he lost a heartbreaking 16-17 decision to Kazakhstan's Birzhan Zhakypov.

It was close, but it was the referee who decided the match when he penalized Barriga for headbutting midway through the decisive third round. Philippine officials decided to file a protest right after the match for biased officiating, a bane that has hounded the boxing competition in the London Olympics.

Barriga was leading by two points going into the third round and he had outfought the Kazakh for two and half rounds when referee Roland Labbe of Canada imposed the penalty.

The Kazakh had wrestled Barriga into exhaustion in the third round as the Filipino lost steam in the middle of the fateful

BARRIGA A22

Iconic Phelps sets farewell, focus now on Bolt, Blake on track / A22

2 US experts see PH under P-Noy Asia's next tiger economy

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE PHILIPPINES is now out of the doldrums and on the verge of an economic takeoff, according to two visiting foreign economists.

The Philippines under President Aquino has the "best chance" of becoming a tiger economy in Asia as emerging markets led by China have started slowing down, while the debt crisis in the euro zone and the faltering United States economy continue to spook the markets, said Drs. Tyler Cowen and John Nye.

Cowen and Nye, who are both professors at the George Mason University in Washington, D.C., were two of several foreign speakers at the inaugural conference on Friday of the Angara Center for Law and Eco-

2 US EXPERTS A14

Dinky wears her moods in her hair like curious yellow, red and blue

By Cynthia D. Balana

SHE STANDS out from the crowd, thanks to her signature streak that has changed from red to blue to President Aquino's campaign color yellow.

There are different reasons why people sport streaks in their hair. But for Social Welfare and Development Secretary Dinsoron "Dinky" Soliman, it is to remind her of the reason why she joined the government.

"I kept the streaks to remind myself that transparency and accountability should be the norm in government," Soliman told the Inquirer early this

DINKY A14

Erap: Mar against LP-UNA coalition

By Christian V. Esguerra

"IT'S COMPLICATED, and the idea is fading," former President Joseph Estrada, one of the prime movers of the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) that is seeking a coalition with the Liberal Party (LP), said in Filipino in a telephonic interview. "Many people on the side of the Liberal (Party) are against it."

Estrada said he had received information that LP stalwarts led by Transportation Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas II were cool to the idea of a coalition with the UNA.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will have mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms. Mindanao will have cloudy skies and the Northern portion of Luzon, Mindanao will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms.

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US slams China over new garrison

WASHINGTON—The United States on Friday criticized China's new military garrison in the contested West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) as risking an escalation in tensions.

The Department of State statement on denounced US concerns about the situation in the resource-rich sea, a potential flash point. It voiced strong support for diplomatic efforts by Southeast Asian nations to negotiate with China, the region's rising military power that is claiming virtually all of the sea for itself and would prefer that Washington stay out of the matter.

The US Senate on Thursday also urged restraint among the claimant nations—China and five of its neighbors—and said the United States was committed to assisting Southeast Asian nations remaining "strong and independent."

Washington's response came 10 days after China formally established Sansha City on Woody Island in the Paracel chain, 330 kilometers from the nearest Philippine province.

Sansha is intended to administer hundreds of thousands of square kilometers of water where China wants to strengthen its control over disputed and potentially oil-rich islands.

The Philippines, a US treaty ally, has described China's move as unacceptable. Vietnam called it a violation of international law.

China says its controls much of the West Philippine Sea, but the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan all claim portions of the sea. The Philippines and Vietnam have accused China of stepping up harassment at sea.

Increase in tensions

"We are concerned by the increase in tensions in the South China Sea and are monitoring the situation closely," state department spokesperson Welsh Worrell said in a statement.

"In particular, China's upgrading of the administrative level of Sansha City and establishment of a new military garrison there asserting disputed areas of the South China Sea run counter to collaborative diplomatic efforts to resolve differences and risk further escalating tensions in the region," he said.

Worrell also pointed to "confrontation rhetoric" and incidents at sea, saying: "The United States urges all parties to take steps to lower tensions."

The State Department said the new city and military garrison, "run counter to collaborative diplomatic efforts to resolve differences and risk further escalating tensions in the region."

Beijing has announced plans to set up media a garrison in Sansha, and has canvassed others to lead it, but has provided no other details.

Asean disarray

The US statement also followed an acrimonious annual meeting of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) last month, where for the first time in its 43-year history, the bloc failed to issue a joint communiqué. The host country, Cambodia, viewed as pro-Beijing, rejected a proposal by the Philippines and Vietnam to mention their separate territorial disputes with China.

The United States was rebuffed behind Southeast Asian curtains, expanding military ties with the Philippines and Vietnam. President Barack Obama has decided to send Marines to Australia in a further show of US power in Asia.

US Senate resolution

The US Senate approved a resolution late Thursday that "strongly urges" all regional nations to exercise self-restraint and to refrain from permanently inhabiting points in the West Philippine Sea until a code of conduct is reached.

The resolution, sponsored by senators from both major parties, declared that the United States was committed "to assist the nations of Southeast Asia to remain strong and independent."

During a 2010 visit to Vietnam, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton declared that the United States had a national interest in freedom of navigation in the West Philippine Sea, through which half of world cargo passes.

The State Department statement on Friday reiterated that the United States has an interest in stability and "unimpeded lawful commerce" in the West Philippine Sea but that Washington does not take a position on rival claims.

China also has separate disputes with US ally Japan in the East China Sea, an air latter discussed by Japanese Defense Minister Satoshi Morimoto on a visit to Washington Friday.

Resolve disputes peacefully

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, addressing a joint news conference with Morimoto, voiced hope for further progress in a code of conduct on the West Philippine Sea.

"The last thing we want is to have direct confrontation in the South China Sea with regard to jurisdictional issues," Panetta said.

"These should be resolved peacefully, and they should be resolved pursuant to a code of conduct. And the United States will do whatever we can to work with Japan and others to ensure that that is the approach we take," he said.

The scale of senators would also to set rules to reduce the chances of a spat over fishing, shipping rights or oil and gas exploration tipping into an armed conflict.

Robert Manning, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and former US government strategist, said that China may have set up the garrison as a way to counter the recent US military focus on Asia.

"To be sure, China is well aware that its assertiveness is not well received in East Asia, and needs to lead smaller nations to rely on the US to balance China," Manning wrote in an essay released by his think tank. AP, AFP, RTT

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NPAs fire weapons as P-Noy's guards pass by

By Philip C. Tubeza

COMMUNIST New People's Army (NPA) gunfire fired their overgrown rebels' security convoy of President Aquino were returning to their base after the latter's visit to Nicol on Friday, a military spokesperson said yesterday.

Maj. Angelo Guzman, spokesperson of the Army's 9th Infantry Division, said four guerrillas on the NPA's so-called territorial force, fired four rounds at the convoy of the Presidential Security Group (PSG), police and Army soldiers was passing through Barangay Poblacion in Lupao City.

Guzman said the President was already in Legaspi City at the time of the incident. The presidential guards were going to Legaspi to take a flight back to Manila and the soldiers were returning to Lupao, he said.

Guzman said there was no elementary school near the place where the rebels fired their weapons. He estimated there for firing indiscriminately where there were children present who might have been hurt.

The shooting happened at around 1:45 p.m. after Mr. Aquino's visit to Fio Danza, Alburg, Guzman said.

Mr. Aquino attended the wake of one of the 36 soldiers killed in a clash with Abu Sayyaf rebels in Basilan on July 16.

Guzman said the four rebels, two of them armed with M-16 rifles, fired four shots as the convoy passed.

"The rebels' was not intended to inflict casualties, but was a propaganda tactic to project and make the rebels' presence felt in the area and to embarrass the security forces," Guzman said.

"Fortunately, no one was reported hurt by the rebels' indiscriminate firing. Police and Army units in the area are processing the perpetrators," he said.

Solon bats for 50% cut in VAT for basic utilities

DAVAO CITY—Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teddy Casiño has proposed a bill seeking to cut to half the value-added tax (VAT) imposed on petroleum products, water and electricity and he hopes to get positive endorsements.

"At the start of the 15th Congress in 2010, I filed two bills in exempt oil and electricity from VAT but the Aquino administration refused so even climate change proposals," Casiño said in a statement.

He said that just last week, he filed a bill that seeks to reduce the VAT on petroleum, water and electricity to 6 percent, or 50 percent lower than the current rate of 12 percent.

High time

"With this new bill to cut the VAT by half, we hope to revive discussions on the various proposals to remove or reduce the VAT on basic utilities," Casiño said.

The militant lawmaker said it was high time the government addressed the skyrocketing prices of oil and basic utilities to provide immediate relief to consumers.

"The 50-percent reduction of the VAT rate will bring down prices of oil products by as much as 6% per liter, electricity by at least 3% per kilowatt hour (kWh) for lifeline electricity users, and at least 50 to the bills of residential water users," he said.

Regressive tax

Casiño described the VAT as "regressive tax that should not be imposed on basic utilities because it magnifies the problem of high prices."

"The windfall revenues that government collects due to soaring prices are immoral and an additional burden on the people," he said.

Casiño said that if Malacañang had no plans to address the VAT issue, Congress could always step in by approving his proposed law.

"I am calling on ways and means committee chair Rep. Isidro Ungab to immediately set a hearing for this bill and other measures that would alleviate the burden of rising prices," Casiño said. Inquirer Mindanao

GMA stable after melon incident; bed rest advised

By Julie M. Aurelio

PAMPANGA Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was in stable condition at Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) yesterday, two days after she choked on a piece of melon, causing her to suffer fresh cuts and back pains.

VMMC Director Dr. Rose Lopango said the former President was on intravenous medication.

Lopango could not say how long Arroyo would be confined at the hospital.

Arroyo was taken back to the VMMC Thursday night complaining of pain in her neck and lower back after choking on a piece of melon during dinner with her family.

Her office in remarks the earlier, on what have attained her back, documented.

Arroyo left the state-run hospital a week ago after a Pasay City court hearing her electoral sabotage case allowed her to post bail.

Arroyo is temporarily free on P1-million bail, but the court has forbidden her to travel to other countries.

Her doctors, too, have told her to avoid traveling and advised her to take a complete bed rest.

She had traveled to her district in Pampanga in preparation for a run for re-election next year and dropped in on the House of Representatives before she began to feel fresh neck and back pains Thursday night.

Elpidio P. Tolentino; 73

ELPIDIO "Piding" P. Tolentino, former regional director for administration Region IV of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, died on Aug. 2. He was 73.

Tolentino, a geodetic engineer, hailed from Gattaran, Cagayan. He served the government for 42 years until his retirement in 2003.

He is survived by wife of 50 years, veteran journalist Lilia "Madre" Tolentino; children Rep. Stephen Tolentino, Dr. Elizabeth Jurjeus and Rachelle Paril; and grandchildren Angela Marquez and Troy Giuseppe Tolentino, Madeleine and Hillary Jurjeus and Mark Vincent and Kristi Beatrix Paril.

He remains lie at Funeraria Nacional on Aurora Avenue in Quezon City. Interment will be on Aug. 7 at Heritage Park in Taguig. Funeral Mass, Quezon City.

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Only 3 months into the news as captain of the Philippine flag carrier, Ramon Ang has planted the airline into new business and opportunities. The night the inaugural flight of the country's flagship fleet, San Miguel Corp. and the Lucio Tan Group, the new management have reengineered Philippine Airlines to the standards of 21st century aviation. An airline that is more capable of challenging Asia's and the world's premier airlines.

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Hazing victim collapsed while eating, pals relate

By Nancy C. Carvajal and Philip C. Tubeza

THE SIXTH San Beda law students who were subjected by the Lex Leonum Fraternitas to the same initiation rites as deceased victim Marc Andre Marcos have been identified.

A top school official said the names of the six neophytes were sent with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

"To our investigators, a total of nine students joined the Lex Leonum Fraternitas initiation rites on Sunday, including Andre, and some of these names are already with the NBI," San Beda Dean Lizzie Tabora told the Inquirer on the sidelines of the mass vigil at the school gym on Friday.

Tabora, dean of San Beda school of discipline, said they also provided the NBI with the names of 28 students who were present during the initiation rites on Sunday in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

"We are cooperating with the investigation on the death of Andre," she said.

She said the students, mostly in their third year, "have stopped attending classes."

Two neophytes, Ryan Maranan and Ed Lara, who were also subjected to hazing like Marcos have attested and narrated their ordeal to authorities.

Based on the sworn affidavit of Ilinanon and Lara, their fellow neophyte Marcos collapsed while caring after enduring the hazing that began in the morning and lasted until the early evening of July 28.

Bill Lewis chief Alvin Robadilla confirmed they had the names, but declined to release them.

"We have the names of the students and we have talked to the relatives of some of them," Robadilla told the Inquirer.

Tabora said another 20 students of the San Beda law school face administrative cases for violation of the school policy on underground organizations.

"The students will be accorded due process before any disciplinary action will be imposed," she said, adding that violators face expulsion or suspension.

Cavite police director Senior Supt. John Bulalacao said yesterday that Maranan and Lara gave detailed quotes a full narration of what transpired.

Bulalacao said the police would also charge with murder Cornelio Marcelo, who allegedly executed Marcos, and others involved in the hazing "who will not cooperate with investigators."

"We have leaders on their identities. They are either students of San Beda Alabang or San Beda in Mendiola," Bulalacao said.

Aside from the nine neophytes, he said witnesses told police there were 15 others who participated in the hazing.

Primary suspect Gaza Angelo Velez, whose family owns the farm where the hazing took place, failed to surrender on Friday.

Bulalacao said PNP Director General Nicanor Bartolome was coordinating with other government agencies to secure hold departure orders against the suspects to prevent them from leaving the country.

In their sworn affidavit, Maranan and Lara narrated the events that transpired from the time fraternity members went to a bar in Las Piñas City on July 28 until the time that Marcos collapsed the next day.

Bulalacao said at 9 a.m. on July 29, the group boarded five to six vehicles and proceeded to the Velez farm in Dasmariñas.

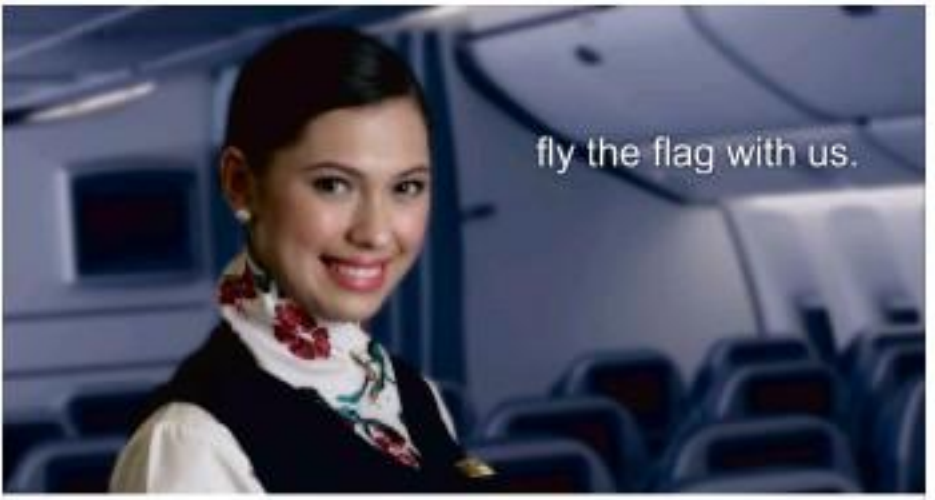
"They were blindfolded until they reached the farm at around 9 a.m. Then the hazing started," he said.

"Ilinanon and Lara were grouped with Marcos and they said the hardest of their particular group was Marc," Bulalacao said.

Bulalacao said the initiation rites lasted until early evening of July 29.

"So after the ceremony and the paddling was over, their blindfolds were removed and they are together," he said.

"It was while they were eating that Marcos collapsed, causing the fraternity elders to panic," Bulalacao quoted Maranan and Lara as saying. With Cynthia B. Balloso



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De Lima pleads a 5th time with JBC

By Jerome Aning

JUSTICE Secretary Leila de Lima Friday made a final appeal to the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) to give her a "fair chance" at being nominated to the post of Chief Justice.

De Lima sent a fifth letter to the JBC, saying new arguments are to why the JBC should reconsider her candidacy despite the disbarment cases pending against her in the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

De Lima, who is the lone Cabinet member for the wake and funeral of her father who died early last week, is being awaited with the JBC pleadings by winged train from Malacañang.

In her 34-page 4th in. De Lima, one of the 20 nominees, raised five arguments as to why the JBC should not disqualify her.

• By setting no pending regular administrative or criminal cases as a bar to being the qualification for membership in the Supreme Court stated in the Constitution—which only requires that candidates be natural-born Filipinos, 40 years old and above, 15 years engaged in the practice of law or a judge of a lower court, and of "proven competence, integrity, probity and independence".

The JBC would not be lessening the constitutional requirement to select one who is truly "of proven competence, integrity, probity and independence" if it disqualifies her just because somebody filed a case or cases against her, De Lima said.

• A "blind and strict application" of the rule on disqualification has created an imbalance situation in the selection process in which an incumbent Supreme Court justice can also nominate, she noted that the high court had repeatedly dismissed all the disbarment cases against fellow candidates among Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno and Associate Justice Mariano Del Castillo while it took six months to a year for one to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

This was unfair to "outsider" nominees like herself because it shows that the high court justices have a definite edge as removing administrative obstacles to their candidacies," De Lima said.

• She asserted that the disbarment complaint against her was in relation to her duties as justice secretary and an attempt of the Freedom when she refused to deny a Supreme Court temporary restraining order preventing her from stopping former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo from leaving the country.

In executing the instructions of the President, after cops like her "partake of his privilege of immunity from suit," De Lima argued, citing a 1939 Supreme Court case, Villena v. Secretary of the Interior.

De Lima insisted that the complaints against her were baseless and politically motivated or political in nature "as they seek to commit how I do [my] work as the alter ego of the President, not because they have the grounds to question the legality of such acts, but because they question the wisdom thereof."

• She reiterated what she had said in two earlier letters to the JBC that since there was still no determination of a prima facie case against her, she was still presumed to be innocent and that when she did as a government official enjoyed the presumption of regularity.

• De Lima said the JBC should apply its rule on pending administrative or criminal cases on a case-to-case basis. She said a JBC member should base his or her choices of candidates primarily on his or her personal and professional experience "rather than on peripheral issues of selection that may be outdated, not applicable to separate positions, or worse, not even constitutional."

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UN: Breast-feeding up in PH but more needs to be done

By Tina G. Santos

HERE'S good news for advocates of breast-feeding in the country.

The breast-feeding rate among mothers in the Philippines has significantly increased, according to three major United Nations agencies.

The International Labor Organization (ILO), United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and World Health Organization (WHO) cited recent figures released by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute that showed breast-feeding rates had risen from 56 percent in 2008 to 47 percent in 2011.

The data also showed that the initiation of breast-feeding within one hour of delivery rose from 32 percent in 2008 to 52 percent in 2011.

Right to breast-feed

But while the international organizations hailed the Philippine government for the development, the ILO stressed that the challenge of continuing breast-feeding when a mother returned to work remained as many working women still faced the risk of lost income after giving birth.

"Working women often feel the pressure to immediately report back to work and give up breast-feeding for fear of losing their jobs or returning to work at lower pay or part-time," said director Lawrence Jeff Johnston of the ILO Country Office for the Philippines.

The ILO has been working to encourage employers to support their women employees' right to breast-feed during work hours.

"Workplaces which provide space and time for mothers to continue breast-feeding profit in terms of increased productivity, reduced parental absence, lower health care costs, higher rate of return to work, increased staff loyalty and reduced training budget," Johnston said in a statement.

Unicef, on the other hand, hailed the strong legislative and policy framework in the Philippines, which is recognized "as one of the best in the world as it presents every Filipino mother's right to breast-feed."

Successful Milk Code

Unicef representative Yoriko Hoshizaki cited the Milk Code, or Executive Order No. 51, which ensures that breast-feeding is protected and women are given clear information on the benefits of breast-feeding without the undue influence of infant formula companies. The Milk Code was signed by President Corazon Aquino in 1986.

"The new administrative improvement to the exclusive breast-feeding rate that we are seeing today is a by-product of such efforts made by leaders and people in the Philippines over the last two decades. These laws are something which the whole nation should be proud of and continue to uphold," Hoshizaki added.

Serious jeopardy

Breast-feeding advocates likewise hailed the increase of breast-feeding rates in the country, but expressed fear over the proposed amendments of the existing Milk Code.

"This bill, now pending in the House of Representatives, could seriously jeopardize the country's increasing breast-feeding rates," lawyer Jennifer Joy C. Ong, a government employee and a working mother, explained. Ong is behind the breast-feeding and parenting blog, Chronicles of a Nursing Mom, which has gained a following among Filipino mothers on the Internet.

Ong explained that the "monster bill," a term coined by breast-feeding advocates, will allow health and nutritional claims, among other proposed provisions detrimental to breast-feeding.

"These claims refer to those formula milk advertisements pertaining to gifted children, +7 IQ points, etc. People do not see these milk ads anymore because they are prohibited under Section 13 of the Milk Code's Revised IRR," Ong explained.

She added: "Working mothers could be influenced by these unregulated milk advertisements, and may be discouraged from continuing exclusive breast-feeding beyond six months."

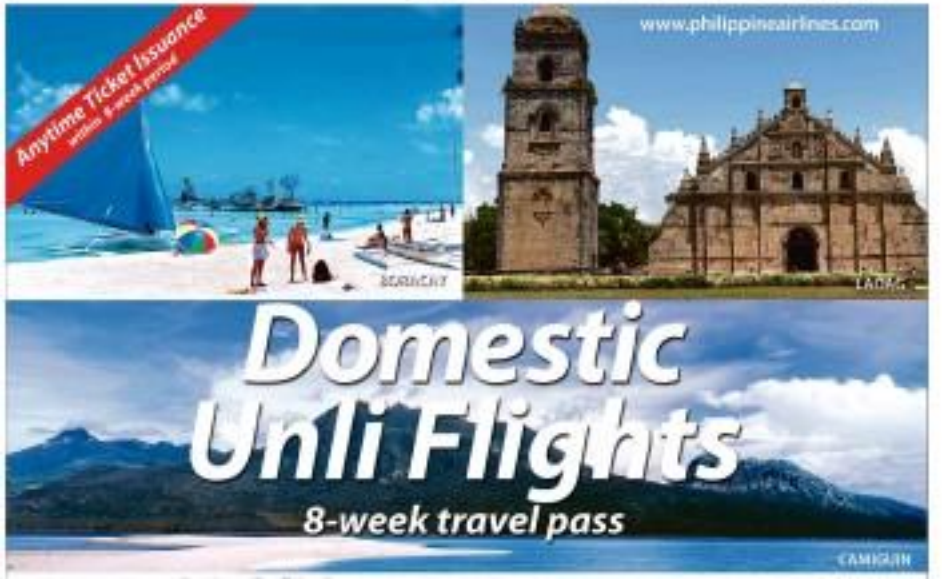
International standards

The "monster bill," according to Ong, also seeks to allow infant milk donations during disasters and emergencies.

"This move will go against established international standards that emphasize the promotion of breast-feeding to the all-month of such calamities," Ong said.

The ILO, Unicef and WHO likewise noted that there are still substantial disparities in exclusive breast-feeding rates within the Philippines.

They cited the data the recent Family Health Survey in 2011, which showed that exclusive breast-feeding rates in some areas of the country are as low as 27 percent.



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Pagasa: No storm but rains

By DJ Yap

MO PAH, there is only a small chance the low pressure area (LPA) spotted far east of northern Luzon would enter the Philippine area of responsibility, the weather bureau said Saturday.

At 4 a.m. yesterday, the LPA was spotted on satellite and station data of 1,870 kilometers east of northern Luzon, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services (Pagasa) said in a bulletin.

"It is still too far to affect any part of the country," said Pagasa.

"There's a low chance the LPA will enter the Philippine area of responsibility but we can't discount the possibility," said Pagasa forecaster Aldczar Aurelio in a television interview.

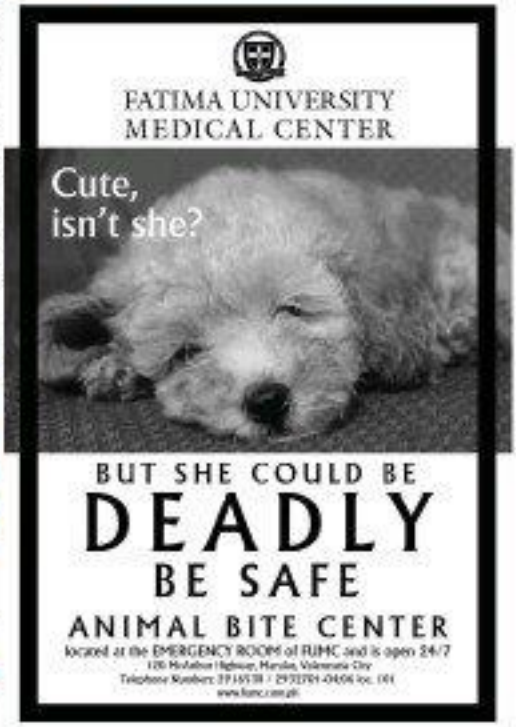
Continuous rain

The southwest monsoon, enhanced, is now in addition to bring scattered rain showers and thunderstorms, Pagasa said.

Metro Manila will be cloudy to partly cloudy with isolated rain showers and thunderstorms, Pagasa said.

Visibility is also good, with the weather forecast added.

The northwest will prevail throughout the archipelago and the coastal waters will be moderate to rough, the weather bureau added.



THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday - August 5, 2012
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

In the desert the whole community of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron and said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in Egypt when we sat down to a cauldron of meat and ate all the bread we wanted, when you have brought us to this desert to let the whole assembly die of starvation!" Then Yahweh said to Moses, 'Now I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather what is needed for that day: by this way I will test them to see if they will follow my teaching or not.

"I have heard the complaints of Israel. Speak to them and say, Between the two evenings you will eat meat, and in the morning you will have bread to your heart's content; then you shall know that I am Yahweh, your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp. And in the morning, dew had fallen around the camp. When the dew lifted, there was on the surface of the desert a thin scurf like hoarfrost. The people of Israel upon seeing it said to one another, 'What is it?' for they didn't know what it was. Moses told them, 'It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat.'

2nd Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24

I say to you, then, and with the support I have as one in the Lord: Do not live the pagan way that the nations live and who have no notion that they will have to answer for it. For I suppose you realise you have not learned Jesus Christ like that, if indeed you have heard him and been taught in accordance with the truth as it is to be found in Jesus. You must put away your former way of life, your old self which is being destroyed by its deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds; you must put on the new self which has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel: Jn 6:24-35

When they saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you most solemnly, you are looking for me not because you have seen the signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for the food that endures to eternal life, the food the Son of man will give you, because on him the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to carry out the works of God?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is the work of God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' They then said, 'What sign will you give, then, for us to see and believe you? What work can you perform? Our fathers had manna in the desert, as scripture says: They were given bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus then said to them, 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread God gives is the man who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said to him, 'give us this bread always.' Jesus replied to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Reflection

• Eph 4:24-32 Jesus heals the crowds. People are the signs and we prove them to be healed when Jesus is a prophet. But they misunderstand, want to make something. If you can take Jesus as a sign of God, he does not have to create signs in the sight of God for eternal life.

Reflect

• Did the Jews misunderstand Jesus assuming a "messiah"? Rabbis were confused. Wouldn't Jesus be a prophet of the divine Eschaton Event?

Pray

• Pray for the Jewish people, as Christ is their God's word, the people Jesus was born Jewish and he suffered Judaism's pain.

Act

• Read the Gospels prayer, in your neighborhood text, only with the Jewish Word of God.

'Contraception is corruption'

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options. Could we offer gifts [to God], or is it all right to have sex with someone provided you are validly married? Or is it okay to have sex with someone who is sterile?" said Villegas, whose attack on Mr. Aquino was unprecedented in his 8 1/2 years [as] head of the Archdiocese of Manila.

Asked if he was in confidence of the Aquino administration's push to enact the Reproductive Health bill, Villegas said: *Indirak ti* the Aquino administration tried to enact the bill, but I am not in a position to make an informed judgment, the state has the responsibility to [provide]."

The proposed law would use the state-run PhilHealth insurance fund to provide birth control pills, condoms and other contraceptives for free. It would give the poor preferential access to family planning services in state hospitals, while funds for family planning and sex education would become compulsory in schools and local government agencies for a maximum period.

The House of Representatives, dominated by Aquino supporters, is expected to pass the bill on Tuesday after failing to do so last year. But the Senate may adopt the law and his votes can strongly against it.

Church position and the Aquino administration seems to signal the RH bill is not only way out of its man-made troubles.

Mr. Aquino should not look at the Philippines' burgeoning population as a problem, Villegas said. Corruption is the greater issue, is the reason for the country's debt to persists, he said.

"A culture of contraception leads to [where] to contempt for poverty. Birth control, they say, makes sense [we], more classrooms, more hospitals and better health for mothers. If have fewer [so] the cause of poverty, are we sure saying 'Kung walang anak, walang mahirap' if there are no children, there will be no poverty?" Villegas asked.

"The rich have more demonstrations, more food, more jobs if we would be less corrupt," he said.

The Church hierarchy briefed of suggestions by the bill's supporters that they use para group of old nuns who [are out of] touch with the plight of women and the poor.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle said the Church has always been on the side of the disadvantaged.

"It is not true that the Church has no compassion for the poor. If others see the poor as statistics, the Church sees them as human beings," he said.

"The poor are not numbers," Tagle said.

RH vs RH bill candidates

Some Church officials did not shy away from reminding lawmakers that their vote could affect their chances of victory in the next elections.

Bishop-Gabriel Reyes, head of the Episcopal Commission on Family and Life, said the Church would be issuing guidelines to voters in the 2013 local elections that will tell them to choose a candidate who are pro-life.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas Ustaris, in his speech before the Mass, said: "Those who vote for the RH bill, You know what will happen, PEP."

Statements and homilies being from the walls of the shrine and from the highway railings. One of the banners read: Yes to Jesus! No, No to Sen. Sex Church-offcials said the availability of modern contraception methods would encourage premarital sex and erode morals.

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Kabuhlat ng mga pasulo

Catholics from north to south heed CBCP's protest call

By Inquirer Services

CATHOLICS from different regions joined prayer rallies against the reproductive health (RH) bill after the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) urged the faithful to join yesterday's "Sabbath Month and Mass for Life against the RH Bill."

ILOILO, CEBU

In Iloilo City, around 3,000 Catholics joined with counter-cult unification assembled at the Redemptorist's St. Clement's Church in La Paz district before marching to the Iloilo Sports Complex, around a kilometer away.

Another 5,000 converged at Fuente Osmeña Rotunda in Cebu City before marching to Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral, the seat of the Cebu Archdiocese, for the 7 p.m. Mass officiated by Archbishop Jose Palma, president of the CBCP.

Palma issued a circular on July 30 enjoining parishioners from the archdiocese's 46 parishes, Catholic-run schools and religious workers to join yesterday's solidarity march and Mass.

Despite the short notice, Archbishop Joseph Bellosa, director of Human Life International Philippines, said at least 5,000 people showed up, a force strong enough to convey to President Aquino the strong opposition against the measure aimed at curbing population.

Iloilo Archbishop Angel Lagdameo brought a Gigantic monster that he displayed before a crowd composed of representatives from the 54 parishes of the Archdiocese of Jaro covering the provinces of Iloilo and Guimaras, members of religious orders, lay organizations, seminarians and institutions run by the Catholic Church.

The diocesan vow unfolded amid the roll, "Yes to Life! No to RH Bill."

"We want to save our country from the evils that are being suffered by countries like America, Japan and Germany because they have adopted population control. What we need is really to strengthen our labor force and offer more employment to our people according to support the population," Lagdameo told the faithful.

PAMPANGA, N. ECIJA

In Pampanga, the Archdiocese of San Fernando dispatched busloads of representatives to join the rally organized by the CBCP against the RH bill at Edsa Shrine.

Willie Jasmin, chair of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Pampanga, said Catholics in the province have been encouraged to fast and abstain on Monday to convince members of Congress to take a pro-life stance.

In Nueva Ecija, the various councils of the Knights of Columbus in the Catholic Diocese of Cabanatuan and San Jose described the RH bill as an "anti-life legislation."

The KOC's Pedro Concepcion Council 6060 in Bo. Malasbar of Talavera Nueva said it advocates full legal protection of "embryos and fetuses" as it sees the RH bill as "the legalization of unlawful abortion."

The Diocesan Youth Commission placed a "Fight for life" edition, as categorized by six stages of a mother and child, as the parish's profile picture in its Facebook account.

STUDENTS from Catholic schools, civic groups, seminarians, nuns and priests in Lucena City march on Saturday to protest against the reproductive health bill. NELIO MALANUM/INQUIRER PHILIPPINES

BAGUIO, PANGASINAN

In Baguio City, about 1,000 members of Catholic organizations, priests and nuns braved the strong rains and marched down Session Road to protest the RH bill.

In Pangasinan, Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas led a prayer rally on Saturday to voice the Catholic Church's position on the RH bill.

Villegas, in an advisory sent to reporters, said the prayer rally was held "for the protection of families and preservation of conscience for life in the womb."

The event started with a Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Dagupan City. A candle lighting ceremony followed.

LAGUNA, LUCENA

Protest marches dubbed "Walk for Life" drew participants from Catholic schools, religious and civic groups, seminarians and clergy while others joined prayer vigils in parish churches in Lagunas Cities and Calapan City.

In Laguna, parishioners organized by the Knights of Columbus and Family Life Ministry Commission of the Diocese of Lipa(n) brought to Edsa Shaw to join the anti-RH rally.

In Lucena City, around 3,000 protesters staged a march at the patio of Saint Ferdinand Cathedral, which ended at the Quezon Convention Center (QMC), where they filled half of the center's seating capacity.

Mayor Librado Caris, vice governor of the Diocese of Lucena, called on Quezon representatives to vote against the passage of the RH bill during the crucial vote on Aug. 7.

Bishop Rolando Tria Tirona, head of the Pedestal of Infants' Province, members Quezon and eleven provinces, read a pastoral letter would be read tomorrow in all parishes of the province. *Reports from Nestor P. Burgos Jr. and Edison Adan Angeles, Inquirer Visayas; Jennifer Orejas, Inquirer Southern Luzon; and Jeannette Andrade, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

RH bill can't be drafted to adhere to one religion, says Cayetano

By Norman Bordadora

THE REPRODUCTIVE health (RH) bill can't be drafted in such a way that it would adhere to the teachings of any religion, according to Sen. Pia Cayetano, one of the measure's principal authors.

Cayetano said she respects the right of Catholics to the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech and expression but that she has an obligation to make sure that laws are applicable to all Filipinos.

"I have to emphasize that even if it's their right, it is the obligation of a senator to make sure that the policies that come out of our society would be applicable to all Filipinos regardless of religion," Cayetano said in an interview with *DZRH* radio on yesterday's Church-led anti-RH rally.

"I can't change the RH bill in such a way that it would adhere to Catholic beliefs. I would be violating the law if that were the case," Cayetano said.

To illustrate her point, she said Quezon City residents cannot use they will not support a national highway project through southern Metro Manila going to the Bicol region just because they are on the northern side of the capital.

Universal

"Some things are universal; it can't be that just because you want to cross that highway, a rule no longer be considered," Cayetano said.

The senator's brother, Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano, said majority of the senators already agree that there is a need for the RH bill, but its passage would depend on how some provisions that remain objectionable are resolved through the reconciliation of amendments.

"There are things needed by our people that are found in the bill, from education to medical attention. I do believe that a woman should have available medical options, not abortion, available to her. It's just a question of what the final form of the bill will be," he said.

"Its passage really depends on the final form of the bill," said the reelectionist who is reportedly being eyed by administration senatorial slate.

Conscientious objection

He said he himself wants a conscientious objector clause included and clarified in the bill.

"For example, in school, if you or a parent wish to have your child exempted from sessions dealing with RH, what program does the school have for your child to an alternative?" Alan Cayetano said.

"And as a doctor, if you are Catholic and are not amenable to performing certain operations or treatments, what can you do?" he added.

Alan Cayetano expressed confidence that Senate President Senator Juan Ponce Enrile is "doing his best in finding a middle ground for the RH bill, making it acceptable not only by language, concepts and principles but with being people who are in opposite sides of the issue together."

The Aquino administration has declared a consolidated version of the responsible parenthood and reproductive health or private measures.

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sources, a think tank founded by Sen. Edgardo Angara that will undertake economic research and innovative public policy solutions.

Mr. who has been named executive director of the Angara Center, is also research director at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia, a founding member of the International Society for the New Institutional Economics, and in 1997 became a Ramaul Fellow at the Hoover Institution in Stanford University.

Quarles's most recent book, "The Great Stagnation: How America Ate All the Low-Hanging Fruit, Got Sick, and Will (Eventually) Feel Better," was one of the most debated nonfiction books in 2011.

Economic liberation

"The Philippines has strong economic fundamentals," said Cowen, citing the economic gains of the two-year-old Aquino administration. English proficiency and the Filipinos' belief in education as the key ingredients for economic liberation.

"I would say, maybe, it has the best chance. It really depends on human agency and human volition and making [the] right choices," he said.

"If you're asking what decade we look for us a country to be a future winner, I would say look for rising growth, look for a relatively stable fiscal situation. I think skills in English will become increasingly important, a belief in education even though a country's educational institutions may have problems.

"And if I ask myself these starting questions, and then I look out there in the world, and I look at the globe and turn it around, guess which country my eyes stop on?" Cowen said.

Mr. cited the "bad money flowing into the Philippines" and the rapid transformation of the country's telecommunications industry—from very few telephone landlines in the 1990s to almost 80 to 90 percent of Filipinos owning cellular phones today.

Seize the moment

Recalling how he had witnessed the ebb and flow of the country's economy as the longest-serving statistics in Bicol stretched his eye, Angara called on PI-Space to seize the moment.

He noted that successive governments—from President Fidel Ramos failed to follow through on reforms that caused the Tiger economy the tale of Asia's most romantic fairy before the advent of the Asian financial crisis in 1997.

"I remember very distinctly—I was Senate president in the mid-1990s...that because of close collaboration between the executive and the legislature, we pursued a common agenda and actually reaped," said Angara.

"For the first time in history, we had a surplus because we introduced the value-added tax, we revamped the central bank, the education system, the health system and such. But in the end, the promise of the Philippines remained unfulfilled.

"Because the new tiger women didn't materialize because, I think, we dropped the ball at the last minute, and in many cases that has been the story of the Philippines," he said.

"The worst mistake to commit is to cause us failure to use the structural reforms that would have pushed it out would have sustained it and made us a true tiger. Now, we're back to that potential, that promise. The potential can only be achieved by a sense of key interventions," he said.

The senator mentioned key reforms in the economy such as in human capital, health, education, science and technology, research, renewable energy and infrastructure in the areas to support to achieve the sustainable growth that would double down to the poor.

Angara singled out infrastructure development as the one that would speed up the "momentum of change" since this would connect economic dots and help trends in the country.

"Unless you provide mobility to labor, then you get stuck in Luzon or Leyte, and there'll do anything to get to Metro Manila and create those slums. Infrastructure is key from many aspects. So do we have that sustainable because there's no overheating under?" he said.

Poor policymaking

Angara personally assisted Cowen and Mr. among other experts in key said economics, both foreign and local, to tackle global economic reforms and to identify the key factors for achieving economic growth.

"Now is an auspicious time to launch a document President Benigno Aquino III to pursue a strong economic takeoff for the Philippines—and the center is a positive to consolidate sound making growth sustainable," he said.

"This is a small, annual report, word trying to open the Filipino mind to the various ways in which all the speakers have said, we try to create new ideas, new ideas, ideas so that we can join the global conversation," he said.

Angara said he had seen the "poor quality of policymaking in the country."

Opportunities in recession

"We have really good research and researchers, but we have an organized research to manage issues—research that will support lawmaking and administrative and executive policymaking."

The conference tackled wide-ranging issues such as global recession, human capital, corruption, international arbitration and enforcement, dispute settlements and public policy issues in international trade and investment.

Cowen, ranked one of the world's most influential thinkers by Foreign Policy magazine, led the panel discussion on "Globalization, Innovation and Economic Growth."

He commented the current economic opportunities for developing countries as well as the issues on multilateral reforms and how to take advantage of the downturn in the largest economies.

"Recession creates opportunities. When will it [you see rising reserve move forward?" he said.

According to Cowen, the Philippines has joined the ranks of a select group of emerging economies that global fund managers and investors are seriously taking notice of. The others are Indonesia and a few sub-Saharan countries.

Cowen's plenary address was followed by lectures from eminent scholars in the field.

Focus on 2 areas

Mr. explained the interaction among human capital, social norms and the creation of institutions, and the importance of simple and consistent rules that are clearly enforced to address corruption.

"It is here long-range changes, he said that Philippines should focus on two areas simplify the rules and further open up the market.

"The most important change is the number of restrictions and corporations. There are good reasons to protect the Philippines, but that is not always or best reasons," he said.

"And there some compromises where we loosen up these have a little bit" let us talking about increasing these laws, just opening up enough to attract more investments, more development, more decentralization so we can lure more of these workers here in the Philippines," She said.

Mr. talked of ways to "loosen" the agriculture industry.

"If you look at Cairo's development, a lot of their developments were the past 40 years both down to helping more people move from the countryside to the city and turning more cities into development zones," he said.

He ended with a question left unanswered by President Aquino and his economic advisers: "How do you make the policy good and

Dinky wears her moods

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week. "I think I will continue wearing it unless I decide to go bald."

"Every time I feel like having some change in my life, I do something with myself like this," she said, shrugging off her earrings.

She clipped on synthetic streak she had as a political statement to 2000 during a campaign to make Tan—President Joseph Estrada go—constitutionally to the people serving his unsanctioned trial. Salmon said.

At that time, she said her friends in the civil society were disappointed about how the trial didn't do was moving, with some senators behaving more unlikely. In their views.

All that time, we were not very depressed. That was a December, before Bank executive Clarissa Ocampo [inaudible]." Salmon recalled. "I wanted to do it as my depressed period so I went to a salon and saw this blue thing on display. I bought many. That's how it all started."

Depending on mood

The streaks would change from one color to another, depending on her mood and the battle she was facing in life.

When she became secretary of the Department of Environment and Development (DENR) during the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, her choice of colors became more visibly prominent."

Other guest speakers included Dr. Alberto Siapno, professor Rodie Avendaño, professor Tess Gaudiano, Dr. Tes Bandonill, Dr. J. Bonavia Wasmansky, Dr. Nic Elanzo, Jr. Chairs Bocaud Fred Alf. Wenceslao. The day-long program was hosted by Chapter Leaders Orville Nicolas Jones.

Our heartfelt thanks

On behalf of the members of the Iglesia Ni Cristo around the world, Brother Eduardo V. Manalo, the Executive Minister, extends its sincere gratitude to all the well-wishers on the occasion of the

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All praise and glory be to God!

THE PHILEX tailings dam: Photo taken in January when the dam was being repaired.

Leak at Philex tailings dam plugged, says MGB

BAGUIO CITY—Government teams operated by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Director Leo Jasareno confirmed that leaks from the waste containment dam of Philex Mining Corp. in Itogon, Benguet, had been stopped.

For April, acting MGB-Cordillera director, said on Saturday that they inspected the mine's tailings dam at 5:30 p.m. Friday and did not detect signs of the breach.

The leak may have been from a break in the dam's geotextile, the gateway which discharges rainwater that collects on the surface of the tailings pond, she said.

The dam was built in 1992 and had just been reinforced, government engineers said. Early this year, a Philex work crew raised the dam's height to increase its capacity, records from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) showed.

April ordered the company to cease operations on Aug. 3 pending repairs on the failing portal.

Philex's Padcal operations in Itogon is the firm's oldest mine and was supposed to have been decommissioned in 2011 until high metals prices allowed the firm to extend its operations to 2020, DENR records showed.

MVF talks

In a briefing in Metro Manila on Friday, Manuel Pangilinan, Philex chair and chief operating officer, said the water and sediment from Padcal's tailings pond were safe and nontoxic and no injuries or fatalities had been reported due to runoff of the sediment.

Philex is also on the process of setting aside a fund to address any environmental impact on the Agno and Balog Rivers and the lahidans as a result of the discharges, Pangilinan said.

Asked about the impact of the leaks on company revenues, Pangilinan said: "We're not overly concerned about the revenues at the moment."

Lawyer Eduardo Arcino, Philex legal counsel, said the Padcal decision is waiting for an MGB order to resume operations.

Water color

In Pangasinan, an official of the National Power Corp. (Napocor) observed the discoloration of water coming out of the turbines of San Roque Dam in San Manuel town on Friday.

San Roque Dam's reservoir straddles Itogon, Benguet and the towns of San Manuel and San Nicolas in Pangasinan province. Napocor's plant on the Agno River in Benguet gets to the dam.

Helpito Garcia, a Napocor hydrologist and who is tasked with the flood forecasting and warning system for dam operations, said he noticed the water discoloration when his team inspected the dam on Friday morning.

"We were surprised that the outflow from the turbines was murky," Garcia said in an interview aired over Aksyon Radyo Pangasinan in Dagupan City on Saturday.

"It's different. From (the color of) chocolate. It was like mud (brown), a dirty gray. We monitored that did not seem to mix well with water," Garcia said.

Speculation

But DENR-Secretary Director Ramon Paje said he was told that the water discoloration was noticed during heavy rains. He said linking the color of water at the dam to the tailings pond leaks is Philex a speculation.

"But very hours, we have been having heavy precipitations and natural events," Paje said in the same radio interview.

MGB, according to Environment Secretary Ramon Paje in a statement released in Manila, is still investigating if there are any violations committed by Philex.

The same statement quoted Leo Jasareno, MGB chief, as saying Philex engineers have been working round the clock to plug the leak and they appeared to be successful.

Paje, however, said the investigation will still be conducted to determine if Philex, one of the country's biggest mining companies, had violated environmental and other laws.

Jasareno said that if the company's three tailings ponds, two have been decommissioned only one was functional. The two decommissioned ponds had been converted into forest areas, according to Jasareno.

Philex has been in operation in the last 37 years and employs at least 1,500 regular workers, according to the DENR. Reports from Vincent Cabreza and Gabriel Lorenzana, Augalyn Southern Luzon, and Ziad Al Obidenda and Dr Ryo in Manila

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OPINION

Ring of redemption

THIS FILIPINO boxer earned a nation's faith and reverence in his gloved hands. Under the bright lights of the London Olympics, little big man Mark Anthony Barriga walked to the boxing ring at the ExCel South Arena 2 and, in one fight, gave his country a shot at athletic redemption.

The 18-year-old, 5'2" southpaw from Dumlao City, Davao, had learned the art of boxing from his two grandfathers, his fathers were on ice coach him in his early years and even now continues to provide his counsel. He holds the distinction of being the only Filipino boxer to qualify for the London Olympics, weighing in at 49 kilograms (107.8 pounds) and thus competing in the light flyweight division. Barriga became the Philippines' best hope for an Olympic medal after qualifying in the World Championships last year in Azerbaijan. "My dream was just to make it to the Philippine team and become one of the boxers I idolize," the young man has said. "Now I'm in the Olympics."

EDITORIAL

Victory in the Olympics is a desperate dream of the Philippines, which has been suffering a drought since the shining silver medal finish of boxer Manuel "Onyok" Montoro Jr. at the Atlanta Games in 1996. Not only a drought but also the pits: At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, not a single Filipino athlete made it through the first round—a resounding defeat on all levels.

Every country who participates in the Olympics raises boundless hope for a breakthrough victory. The Philippines, particularly, needed to do better—that is, to simply get past the first round to capture one of its ignominious firsts in Beijing. This time around, the Filipino athletes stepped up to the plate but fell one by one in superior competition. The most dramatic and perhaps emblematic moment was when 21 year-old weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, the team's flag bearer and competing in her second Olympics, burst into tears after failing to lift 118 kg. It was a heartbreaker, 118 kg being a clinch for her when she was training.

Amid all the pressure, Barriga fired off with Italian pugilist Manuel Cappai. That his opponent a four inches taller did not faze the 5'2" Filipino. "I saw the disparity in the group," he had said in Pilipino. "(Cappai) moves quick but I can ready for him."

And indeed he was. While the Italian tried to cangley with and use to bully him in the ring, Barriga strategically found his way through his opponent's defense with timely blows. Displaying the form that has earned him the moniker of "Little Pacman"—referencing Manny Pacquiao, the eight-time world champion from General Santos City—Barriga unleashed left hook and one combination after another, knocking down the stunned Italian in the first round that he won handily, 5-2.

With his parents anxiously watching from the stands, Barriga kept up the pressure, constantly eyeing footing the Italian on his way to winning the second round, 9-4. But it was in the third round that Barriga delivered an impressive performance, completely dominating Cappai to win by a scale, 17-5. It was an inspiring victory by a fighter who displayed no fear, only the determination to succeed.

There was a track right before the decision was announced. When the referee raised the red-clad Barriga's hand, the crowd erupted in cheers and applause—and the Philippines saw a ray of light shine on its dismal Olympic record. Barriga had made it through to the round of 16. With his first and his guts, he had delivered his country from the nightmare of Beijing.

At this is being written, Barriga is preparing to take on Rnokhzion's Ibrohim Zhalopov, like himself a southpaw and like Cappai four inches taller. Hopes are high for another victory—Cuban coach Rial Linares described our boxer as "very good" and "very strong"—but whatever the result of this round, Barriga's impressive throwing in his crucial first match served to illustrate how the little guy can make a big difference. It's an example that Filipinos can take to heart and emulate in various ways.

Where the 2012 Olympics concludes with impressive it will not be until August 2016 that the tin steps will rise again, to Rio de Janeiro. By then Barriga will only be 21, with a full sporting life ahead of him. Barriga can still dream of the gold and redemption that shining moment in London where Barriga showed how good a well-trained and motivated Filipino athlete can be. Now if only the Philippine Olympic Committee can get its act together...

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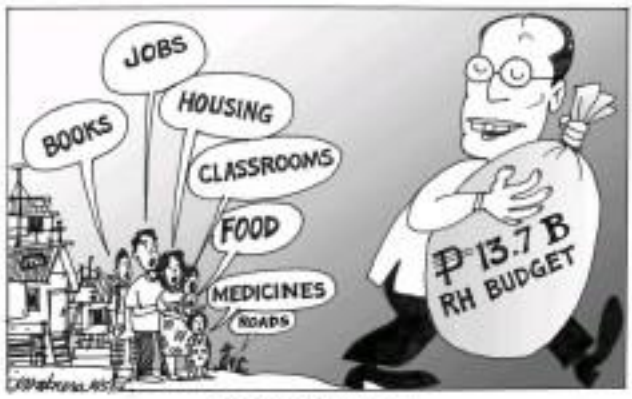

The will to give

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy Dartal

A GIFT of people may have all the money in the world, and still feel they don't have enough. Every year, they acquire more so as a goal to gain more. They become slaves to their possessions. Others have very much less in comparison, and yet they think it's more than what they need. Their minds do not grow with their wealth. Their magnanimity overflows; they can't stop giving. They are the ones who know what they have and what they want to be. All the endless may ponder what it means to be wealthy.

"Money comes in purpose only when it is used to those who need it," says Chot Sho-Oc, 67, retiree. In 2012 Reader's Digest announced that in the last 20 years, she has quietly given away more than NT$10 million (P28333,000) of her own earnings from selling vegetables in a market and in Taiwan. The benefactress of the past recently include a Buddhist monastery that would set up a children's school, a Christian organization that rescues children in dire need of food, clothes, clothing, and education, a Red Cross fund that helps victims of disasters and other emergencies, the primary school she attended as a child, to set up a fully equipped library, and a emergency fund expressly meant for students who are in need of money for tuition or other expenses when their parents fall sick or cannot find work.

Chen finds nothing extraordinary about giving away money to help those who need it. She admires the late-world billionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffett have given to education and to the world's poor. Yet, in 2010, Forbes magazine, which compiles an annual list of the rich on people in the world, named Chen one of the "44 Heroes of Philanthropy" Asia certainly has countless philanthropists who have given a lot more in absolute terms than Chen. Thus, by this narrower sense, she would be the least outstanding.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award in Foundation itself does not give awards for simple philanthropy in the more than 50 years that it has given many equivalent of the Nobel Prize, when it recognizes is "greatness of spirit" in the service of others. This quality is usually found among people who not only manage to rise from adversity but also come away from their personal struggles, not with bitterness or cynicism, but with a strong sense of social solidarity. In that regard, their lives not only serve as shining examples worthy of emulation, but, as important, they lift our spirits and quietly infuse hope on our own values.

In one of my endless columns, I wrote about 67-year-old Oneida McCarty of Harrisburg, Mississippi, who found herself in the news for donating her lifetime savings of $150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi to fund scholarships for black students. Herself a black woman, Oneida did not get the chance to go to school. She never married, and she sustained herself by washing clothes for other people but, as simple users her needs that she was able to earn a good part of her wages in the bank. The money she turned over to the school was money she saved over 60 years working as a washerwoman. She said that if young black girls today could get an education, they would have a better chance at life than those of her own generation.

Chot Sho-Oc reminds me very much of Oneida. Born in her early 40s, Chot did not go beyond Grade 6. At 12, she dropped going to school when her mother died. At 40 their lives, her parents struggled to make both ends meet, and family management always left them drained financially. She saw her father begging their neighbors for help to pay for hospital treatment and medicine expenses. But her mother would tell her to pray. Thus, in the oldest daughter in a brood of eight, she had to take over her mother's chores at home and at the market stall. A few years later, one of her brothers contracted a chronic illness. The school she used to attend ruined money to help the family. Although the boy eventually died, Chen quietly find her former teachers and classmates showed in their hour of need remained with her.

Through sheer hospitality and hard work, after her father died, Chen managed to save enough from their fish vegetable stall to send all her siblings to school. She stayed single and never changed her lifestyle, waking up at 2:30 in the morning to get her supply of vegetables from the wholesale market, and staying till 9 p.m. to serve her customers. She still sleeps on the floor, a habit she says she acquired when she was sewing to offer would-be suitors no pillows, getting up—and works 18 hours a day. People have wondered how a street vegetable vendor can have so much money to give away. "Spend only what you need," Chen says cheerfully, "and you'll be able to save up almost money."

The world have rejoiced in the steps to lend himself to a well-deserved holiday, and no one would begrudge her for she could have enjoyed all her vegetable stall and remained into other businesses. But Chen prefers to show her eyes, top with them in mind. "I accumulate virtue so that I can be reborn in a better world," she added why she gave away her hard-earned money. "Life is short, and you don't know when you will die."

Chot Sho-Oc's life is an antidote to the restless and insatiable consumerism of our time. The will to give, no wrong in law, is what makes her an extraordinary human being.

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Being true

MOMENTS

Fr Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a 75-year-old man who was sipping a glass of water when he noticed the pastor with him. The man said, "I love you so much. I don't know how I can live without you." So thrilled, his wife asked him: "Is that you, dear, or is that the water in you that is talking?" Whereupon the husband replied: "It's me, dear, talking to the water I am sipping."

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 6, 24-35), we hear of the second of people looking for Jesus. Was it Jesus they were looking for, or the benefits they could get from Him? In other words, were they looking for Jesus as the Bread of Life, or were they simply looking for more bread after their experience of the multiplication of the loaves and fish?

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Let us ask ourselves today about the quality of our relationship with the Lord. Do we use food to come kind of regalitarian who provides, or an agent in that basis for our bodies? Is he our God just because of the things He does for us? Consequently, is He no longer our God when He does not do what we ask from Him? May our relationship with God be examined that is really heartfelt and personal, and not just based on the functional or beneficial.

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Today, we who claim to do the Lord's work should also do well to ask ourselves about the quality of that work we claim to do for the Lord. How many times have we used the Lord's name in vain? How many times have we carried out our personal interest and agenda in the name? How many times have we focused on the perks and benefits of our work to the neglect of our duties and commitments? Let us continue to be open to heart real attitudes and true loving. These happen in us so we are open to being honest and living true.

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Jesus reminds us today to look beyond the temporary and the perishable. As we go about our daily lives, may we not lose sight of the "big picture" of who we are, and what we are supposed to be. Let us not forget that there are more important things that cannot be measured, quantified, by worldly measures and standards.

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The proponents of the Reproductive Health Bill say what is materially important is the here and now. Those who oppose it are that, too, but not at the expense of values and morals. The former see progress at any cost, while the latter see progress with a conscience.

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Let us remember that a government established by the people not as an instrument to prevent, stop, or relinquish life, but to uphold, protect, and enhance it. If a government decides the right to life is its first mission, what it have to stop is from violating human rights, the rights of the invalid, the rights of elders, and what have you?

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Let us listen to Archbishop Jose Palma's admonition: "There is ill portent for the nation when this government does not look at its own propulsion as a source of game and blessing. There is grave reason to worry when the government would rather suppress the population through the bill kill in-

stead of confronting the real causes of poverty."

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Today is devoted to St. John Marie Vianney, patron saint of priests. On behalf of my brother priests, I would like to thank you for your prayers, support and understanding for us, our priests. I would like to ask for forgiveness for whatever hurts or disappointments we have inflicted upon you in any way I would also like to assure you that in spite of the weaknesses and failures of some of us, there are still many priests who truly strive for Christlike sanctity and ministry. And please don't forget, we too are sinners, sharing in the common priesthood of Christ.

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Allow me to share again my simple self-author prayer: You have called me, oh Lord, not on much because of me, but in spite of me, and so much I become overwhelmed, but to be a someone to You and to Your people. Bless me, oh Lord, ever to bear love, amen.

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Prayer for priests: "Good Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for priests throughout the world and also for priests in my diocese. Lord, bless all young priests, dying priests, and the souls of your priests in purgatory. Bless the priests who dedicated me of my sins, who said Mass and gave me your Body and Blood, who taught and instructed me and all people in the faith, who watched in my vers, living Christ close to Your heart. Amen."

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Here's a wonderful text message I received. "Lord, grant me the grace to live the rest of my life, the Christ of my life. Amen!"

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A statement with the Lord:
Lord, help me not to be afraid to take the road that leads to truth, freedom, and honesty. Amen.

So far so good

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio V. Pangalangan

Given its demonstrated grit and hard work, the JBC should be able to come out this week with a short list that will justify its existence and will prove that the current system established by our new Constitution is the better way of vetting justices and judges.

JBC generalities. The interviews brought out a number of Supreme Court peculiarities. For example, many TV reviews were overjoyed to hear that while the justices may write stirring and strongly worded opinions, they do not keep grudges against one another.

Justices Antonio T. Carpio and Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno explained during their interviews with Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, the acting JBC chair, that there are no partisan lines or points now alliances in the high court. Those wrong together in one case may be sides apart in the next. Seriously, there are more than 200 items in the agenda of a typical session, which is why there is no division, and in that single session alone, the justices could debate and vote dispositively.

These dispositions have always characterized court debates. Indeed, as the adage goes, justices can differ without being difficult, and can disagree without being disagreeable. Debating and disagreeing are all part of their daily grind.

Contrary to populist impression, the verbal debates in the Supreme Court are pretty short. Fifteen discussions on a single item (as for 16 minutes or more, the deliberative record judicially puts time further deliberations and ask the prosecution to write down their arguments. To be candid, arguments should be backed by authorities, with appropriate footnotes on the law, jurisprudence and other references.

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Supervision of the judiciary. The Constitution states that "the Supreme Court shall have administrative supervision over all courts and the personnel thereof." A reader asks: "How can a collegial body supervise a nationwide institution with 2,000 judges and 20,000 employees?"

Answer: Under the law, corporations—even those with national and international reach—are governed by boards of directors, which in turn have officers. There is direct supervision of the board of directors itself. Similarly, the high court as head of (1) justices sits like a board of directors of the judiciary.

On April 22, 2003, the high court en banc promulgated a comprehensive resolution (A.M. No. 99-10-05-0) that, by delegating the administration of all courts in (1) the executive committee, composed of the chief justice as chair and the senior senior and next senior as members; (2) the three divisions of the high court; and (3) the chief justice.

The executive committee meeting once joined on to the three divisions to "appropriate action": (1) the institution of judges, extension of time to decide cases, transfer of venues, retirement benefits, reports of financial and judicial audits, etc.; and (2) discipline of lower court judges, except when the penalty is a fine of more than P40,000 or more than one year, or a fine of more than P100,000.

The executive committee acts on the opposite terms of all personnel, detailing of judges to other stations, creation of court commissions, etc. To the chief justice were delegated the doubling of personnel in the judiciary, the allocation of new services, purchase of vehicles, equipment, supplies, etc.

Bottom line: while the chief justice is the head and CEO of the judiciary, he still needs the help, cooperation and assistance of the 14 other justices who constitute the judiciary's "board of directors."

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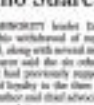
Danilo Suarez's courage



METHOD TO MADNESS

Patricio Evangelista

HOUSE MINORITY leader Danilo Suarez recently announced his withdrawal of support for the Reproductive Health bill, along with several members of the division's majority. Suarez said the six other members who joined his turnabout had previously supported House Bill 4244 only because of loyalty to the then minority leader, Edsel Lagman, his mother and chief advocate. Suarez and Lagman had been engaged in a fight for the minority leadership, one that ended with Lagman's resignation last January.

Perhaps his six colleagues will not appreciate Suarez's defense of their vacillating support. For all intents and purposes, he has just announced to the national media that Quezon Rep. Erlando Pira, Ifugao Rep. Teodoro Pony-Tet Baguilat, Nueva Ecija Rep. Estrellita Suansing, Camarines Norte Rep. Elmer Panotes, and Ismail Pony-Tet Rep. Pedro Alcover are legislative lambs, elected without the capacity to make independent decisions over what is pro-life and the Philippines' most divisive piece of legislation.

That lawmakers occasionally make decisions based on party loyalty is not unusual. In the case of the Reproductive Health bill, whose decade-long campaign has drawn principled lines from the Congress floor all the way to the national imagination. The argument against the bill, after all, is the end of the moral corners and the alleged genocide of millions of innocents, and if there are new stand on the side of the Church, they should be pilloried for having condoned contraception. Or perhaps they had no moral principles at all, but no opinions to sacrifice, and simply considered the bill a legislative stake in the art of political horse trading, irrelevant of debates and arguments. If Suarez is to believed, there are men and women who exercised principle for the political game, following Lagman's cue only as far as Lagman was in power, shifting sides the moment the latter was successfully ousted. And we are wondering how their support behind the RH bill if Lagman had remained minority leader.

Suarez is careful to separate himself. In as much as he claims his colleagues shifted sides for the sake of political loyalty, Danilo Suarez did not decide to back off because of politics, according to Danilo Suarez. In February 2011, Suarez, himself a physician, visited Tondo and found the public that the rate of unprogrammed pregnancies was at an alarming 47 percent, and that the bill was necessary by providing services to minimize the growth rate.

Suarez now claims to have had a change of heart, one that he insists is not prompted by the events of his old ally Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's entry into the House minority bloc. In one on hall, appeared for a 26-minute comeback accompanied by Ifugao himself. Arroyo's opposition to the bill brought in the Catholic Church as one of her strongest allies at a time when the country was rife with pervasive corruption and human rights violations. Suarez says the former President intends to personally use her veto against the bill, in the vein of Catholic who took the issue "that is her heart."

In defending his withdrawal from the bill he set his name to, Suarez says his sudden turnaround is due to his recent awareness that richer countries have fewer children.

"But in the course of my travels in developed nations, I was astounded to find that in countries like Japan, Germany, Russia [Suarez]," he said.

It must have been a stunning moment for Suarez, who was certainly not lacking in international travel when he affixed his coauthorship in 2011, as he is the same contrarian congressman who claimed to have picked up three President Aquino's $15,000 dinner tab—with $6,000 in federal funds—at Bobby Van's Steakhouse in Washington, D.C. in July 2009. He also admitted to having been in the habit of picking up the tab for foreign dinners at other state visits. Perhaps Washington's children do not wander into 5-star restaurants crowded with visiting dignitaries, but it is certainly odd for Suarez to make this realization now, a week before the vote, on the same week Kenya's census counting two-week-old babies as the country's 40 millionth person (a rural resperation—in any politician who votes in favor of the RH bill). It is odder still, granted the possibility of a closing birth rate in an old argument against the RH bill, one that Mr. Suarez could have ordered any of his aides to verify via Google—as Stella Odoe has done with great pride, albeit via Wikipedia.

"My point is: Which is easier to handle? As over-population driving in hunger, which can be addressed with good governance? Or a negative growth rate and continuous poor people to bear children?" he asked.

And yet unwanted pregnancies are still rising, the population is still growing, and still Suarez claims what was "alarming" then can be mitigated by free voluntarism and figurations to be provided by the Philippine government. It is not clear if the good gentleman from Quezon has consulted the Catholic Church on his feelings of solution, granting the same Church opposes any artificial means at halting pregnancy. It is also, judging him by his own standards, a questionably ridiculous means of solving his dilemma of a smaller population.

He fears the provision of the RH bill will encourage couples to no longer have children. The bill forces no one to use contraception. The rich can buy a free basket of Fremies if they choose, only the poorest without funds will take advantage of the RH bill. Granted the same, the same couple who could have decided to use contraception under the RH bill will only have the option to do so without government aid under Suarez's proposal. The RH bill offers more nuanced options, and certainly less permanent ones even in the most desperate. Perhaps it has not occurred to Danilo Suarez that it is more difficult to convince his people to have children if their tubes are tied and their penises are choosing blindness.

Suarez talks about remittances from OFWs. He talks of the population as one of the nation's greatest resources. He talks about solving poverty, and worry poorer on the value of a country with people "thriving in hunger." It would have been easier for the congressman from Quezon to keep his silence and forego excuses, instead of sowing time inside the minds of the public. It is the public he must disappoint a reluctant supporter of the RH bill. Perhaps it is best for him to announce all his other hesitations before he runs again for office, as hesitant men with legislative seats are dangerous men, especially the sort who delight in walking with power.

Keeping the calm over Asean's troubled waters

COMMENTARY

Kevin M.R. Villanueva

IT REMARKABLE thing that emerged from the recent Asean diplomatic fracas is one hard truth for the regional bloc that seeks to strike consensus present. The 10 countries posed against encroachments on one's sovereignty and state interests. But another truth, perhaps is more painful one, is that the finger pointing that resulted is a very un-Asean thing. And the close indictment of general tensions is that some member states, Indonesia most especially, have taken it upon themselves to act beyond their means.

The foreign ministers are at the heart of Asean. Recall that it was only after 10 years of its founding in 1967 that the heads of state gave their inaugural name so that Asean would be a bona fide association, in the interim, the foreign ministers presided over the affairs of the bloc. Even the annual meeting of the 45th Asean Ministerial Meeting in Phnom Penh in July on here is on account of a contentious issue, but down results it—such as the overlapping territorial boundaries in the South China Sea. Philippine foreign secretary Albert del Rosario, for example, is a powerful voice for concern. It was the first time in Asean history that no joint communiqué was issued. The foreign ministers have, as a consequence, exerted the glare of bad publicity left the heads of state with more than a normal to-do on while they prepare for the annual Asean summit in November, and those heads settle open to the adverse scrutiny of the global community—another no-Asean promise in the conduct of international affairs.

Asean is a crucial stage in its decades-build to community by 2015. It will do us well to keep to mind two things: The Association was born as a regional security arrangement based on the rules of "bottomtipping," meaning to get together ("bate-pong" is the Malaysian word for village"). This in Japanese notion of "togetherness," which has its equivalent in the Filipino "bayanihan," which is as "bayanihan" or "diegwa" in the Philippines, a an informal way of achieving a shared community objective. But was how far its charade limits, a

former Malaysian minister, and Gen. Ali Moertopo of Indonesia devised Asean to be while they shuttled to and fro, meeting in the Asean capitals in the mid-1960s. It is in this manner that the broader strategic and regional objectives of stability and socioeconomic development would have to be sustained. There were the "ingredients of peace."

It was also believed that basing the region's progress on political and diplomatic fires was too high a price to pay for economic gain. This is why Datuk Zainuddin contended, there only on the precipice in Asean apart from securing economic ultimatum was not "to pull" diplomatic punches in public to make them look like big bulls." This is how on the day-to-day issues of trade, terrorism, transnational conflicts and build the confidence of the community.

How do we apply these principles given the present controversy? The shuttle diplomacy of Indonesian foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa has been swift, straightforward and wise. It has met the approval of Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines and their peers. Based on my reading of Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Erlinda Basilio's excellent account of the ministerial meeting in process, 7-7-12, I believe that the strategy employed was to pick up on the "key elements" of the proposed code of conduct in the South China Sea that Asean had already agreed on, or consult date the bilateral consultations that the Philippines had been undertaking since 2011 with its Asean partners for a proposed framework so as to, "internationalize" the issue, "multilateralize" the same thing, and hence a principle to harness in the coming months—to look for the lowest common denominator because this is what works for Asean.

This may have been true in previous years, but I sense a greater force of will among our fellow Asean, who have become increasingly outspoken in order to support the region's collective bodily, and a greater affirmation of the growing self on people's hearts—and allied concerns such as banking, education, employment, transportation, income distribution and overall development—brought on by modernization and population growth.

And you don't even have to take just my word for it. Recently the Human Development Cluster of the Cabinet, composed of 20 or so agencies, issued a statement in support of the RH bill, saying that it is "in consonance with the Philippine Development Plan." The statement cites the jump in our maternal mortality rate—to the present 221 per 100,000 live births (about six times that in Thailand, Brazil a day). In addition, it said, "we now have the worst poverty situation in the entire Asean region, and, with one of the highest birth rates in healthcare data, the dubious distinction of being the 12th most populous country in the world."

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READ makes the situation even more heartbreaking is that it is your women (and their poor partners) who bear the brunt of the consequences of the RH bill's failure to provide key services. Filipinos in the upper classes can already freely decide the size of their families, having just two or three children.

The poor women read up subtly two or three 40,000 children in their lifetime. Granted for According to the Cluster statement, "we pursue (or nearly half) of the pregnancies of the poorest 10 percent of Filipino women are unwanted. [Some] 22 percent of these women hope to avoid pregnancies but did not use family planning; and at least 41 percent do not use any contraceptive at all." Indeed, it is estimated that the birth rate of the poorest 20 percent is roughly double that of the national average.

Like the Catholic Church, religious delegates, those against RH refuse to see the faces and the suffering of our women.

"us" as a community and does steadily build on it.

We must then ever trust, me that 8 the Asean countries have now agreed on a 6-point principle on the implementation of the 2002 Declaration of the Conduct of Conduct in the South China Sea (DOC) to refer to make good on its commitment to draft the Regional Code of Conduct, then the parties will have later built on half-time for the ocean future. All elements should have on delivering their political commitments in the DOC to ensure peace, security, freedom of navigation and communication at sea, search and rescue operations, and combating international crime.

Finally, before fishing elsewhere for solutions in a regional problem, the Philippines ought first to look to its neighbors, especially those directly concerned with the territorial and jurisdictional disputes. Asean is not to be a "go-it-alone" policy, and it is good to listen to what it has to say, but keeping it our self keep everyone's feet on the ground. The Philippines should, away from the shadow of caravan, continue to its "political, diplomatic and legal" approach initially with countries who are willing to come to the bargaining table. This is not to defy China but to keep the doors open to all who value and share regional peace. The Philippines' regional principles of is international law. (The Cambodia have all signed and ratified the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.)

In November, Cambodia will have the noble chance to keep the calm over Asean's troubled waters. Let us hope and pray for one of the world. It is another shot at leadership. Whether it wants to lead Asean or China or Asean and China it agrees that Cambodia must continue seriously.

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COMING FULL CIRCLE

Long-lost London-born son reunites with mom

SILHOUETTE of Esperanza Trevallion on the hill across of her Vitas cathedral where she lived for years

By Pablo A. Tariman

ALMOST three decades of separation ended when a London-born son reunited with his Filipino mother four months ago. The son, now 38 years old, decided to finally be with his mother after he slew the demons that had bedeviled him for years.

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When he finally saw his mother, he was overcome with joy. "When fear, grown cold. I really wanted to cry the first time I saw her. I had to hold it back because there were many people around us. But when I hugged her, I no longer was able to control my tears," he said.

In between sobs, he whispered in his mother, "I'm here to take care of you, mom."

Esperanza Trevallion could figure out that the man before her was her son. She had not seen for 25 years. Tarik said it was because of her mental image of him as a boy.

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Later, she went to London and worked for about seven years with good families, allowing her to learn and speak the King's language.

While in London, she met numerous people for a relationship. Most of them had a relationship with a British-Pakistani lover, had a son by him, but the affair didn't last.

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The worst thing I can do is to show up when she is dead or when I'm no longer needed .... Also, I needed to know my true past to fully understand who I am now

He would frantically look for his mother, but was told she was already in Manila.

Upon arrival in Manila, he was brought to the National Orthopedic Hospital in Quezon City where he was confined for some months.

When he got well, the hospital didn't have over Tarik to Urbano because the latter had no adoption papers. The boy lived with an unmarried family after another. Other things didn't work out with his foster families, he moved from one orphanage to another.

He got wind of his mother's time from a story that came out in a national daily in the mid-'90s.

Fr. Ben Villote

The young Tarik had periods of enthusiasm, became rebellious and unmanageable but soon found rays of hope in the singing club created by Fr. Ben Villote in Pasay City. His plight caught the attention of the Trelawny family in Portchapel. He got assistance, including regular advice on what to do with his life.

Once he found his bearings, Tarik went back to school, finished college in Legaspi City, got employment with coal and soon settled down with a girl he met in school. The union produced two children.

He would occasionally go to Vitas with his family to visit his mother, who lived here for more than 30 years. She would wear her clothes and leave the laundry and sit it dry on her body.

She was used to the life. Had to constantly remind her that she now has a home and she no longer needs to do those things. She tells me with that I will leave again someday."

Being reunited with a mother he had lost since he almost three decades ago? I cry for Tarik.

Bipolar

He brought her to a doctor and his mother was diagnosed as bipolar.

Said Tarik: "When mom first started talking her mind seems, I was quite happy with the results. She stopped talking to herself and she would do everything (as in everything) we tell her to do. But later on, I realized that she was behaving more like a 'zombie' than a human. She would sit down staring blankly in the wall and dread without her medicine it. This went on for days.

"There one day out of the blue, she screamed, 'What you are giving me is poison!' The way in tears. That night I talked to my wife. 'Am I doing the right thing?' I told her.

Love, not medicine

"I miss mom. I miss her old happy self. I would rather have a 'crazy' mom than a zombie mom. My wife told me that maybe what mom needs are not medicines but genuine love from a son. It was then that I decided to discontinue mom's medication. Within a day or two she was back to being happy self. Only this time, the pain were erased," he said.

Tarik acknowledges the difficult adjustment period.

Childlike

Tarik confides: "It's not easy living a son to mom. The difficulties were aplenty initially and they pop up on a daily basis. Mom basically is childlike in all sense of the word. I constantly tell her that if she needs anything, all she has to do is ask. Sometimes she would screw with a ripe papaya (or any other fruit) in hand. For me, the rules. When asked from where she requested permission to pick the fruit, she would answer, 'Everything was made by God so I asked permission from God and the tree.'"

"But tomorrow that planted that 'Mama,'" he said. "For me, she should have asked permission."

The son continued: "Sometimes, she would go to the market alone and return with two bagsful of goodies. But where did you get the money to buy that basket?' I asked. 'People gave them to me,' she tells me. I have to explain that she no longer has to ask people for

Story of hope

It took some time to convince Esperanza that her son Tarik was back for good.

And Tarik: "Mom's story is a story of hope. I am thankful to the many people who have been part of our lives, for without them our story would not have been possible. I am thankful, too, to the good people of Vitas who took care of mom while I was away.

Full circle

"When I took the flight to Vitas, I had to convince myself, leave good friends behind, leave material possessions and give up whatever financial investment I had there. I had to start from scratch. But it was well worth it.

"I've now come full circle by being with my mom. Our mother's love given so much for us, and we do so little for them. Give to know your mommy while you still can. You never know when they'll be gone," Tarik said.

(Pablo A. Tariman has entered the performing arts in the past 25 years and organized concerts on the side. He now hosts Ilocos, Cotabatoans, and the Ilocos groundbreaker.)

ESPERANZA (middle) and son Tarik meet after 25 years

ST THOMAS Anne Church in London where Tarik was baptized

ESPERANZA on a visit to Legaspi City after reuniting with her son

INQUIRER Mindanao

Civets, tribal folk find harmony

By Jeoffrey Maitem
Koronadal, South Cotabato

DURING the last five years, B'laan farmer Oliver Bunan of Barangay Kilkini wakes up a few hours before the break of dawn and, armed with a flashlight, joins other tribesmen in the forest to collect civet droppings.

Bunan's group, initially composed of at least 30 persons, would scour the foot of Mount Matutum for coffee beans buried in the civet droppings.

"These are the gold," he said of the beans, showing the beans that he collected from civet droppings.

The coffee beans excreted by the civets after eating them are sought after worldwide. It is known by many names, including kopi luwak, a Malay phrase that literally means civet coffee.

Kopi luwak, coffee beans at last, produces a brew that is smooth and devoid of bitterness.

Science researchers said the fermentation of the simple coffee bean inside a civet stomach to become the world's best coffee might have been caused by fermentation and enzymes inside the animal's gut.

Bunan said collecting coffee beans excreted by civets has made the lives of B'laan in his village better.

In the past, they could hardly buy food, he said.

"But buyers in the market got it from us for P3,000 a kilo while the regular coffee beans fetch just 10 percent of that," he said.

Bunan said each farmer in his village now earns an average of P30,000 per month from selling the beans.

"We can now afford to send our kids to school. And all of us in our village have motorcycles for our mobility," Bunan said, as he beamed with pride at their newfound livelihood.

Visiting Japanese Dr. Hitoshi Iwaida, a biochemist who works with Meiji Dairy Corp., said civet coffee is very expensive in Japan and could fetch up to 5,000 yen per 100 grams (about P2,688 at P53.83 per yen).

"It's expensive. Ordinary coffee will just cost you 600 yen per 100 grams," he said.

Dole said what sets apart the civet coffee harvested in the village from other civet coffee produced elsewhere is that it is natural.

No civet is kept in a cage in the village, he said.

"More than 4,000 civets are out there. So the harvest getting from this fortune is no need to cage them," he said.

Bunan said the B'laan of Kilkini made sure that the civets roam free.

"We have our own law here prohibiting anyone from catching, caging or even harming civets. If anybody violates [it], he or she must pay P5,000 or face expulsion from the village," he said.

Fred Pendatenan, a business man from General Santos City who buys civet coffee from the B'laan, said he prefers beans from droppings of wild civets.

"Wild civets can select the best coffee berries, producing the premium ones," he said.

Pendatenan said the challenge for the Kilkini B'laan now is to expand their coffee farms.

He said as the race the civets are reproducing, more coffee beans are needed to sustain the demand.

Rachelle Bugaloy, corporate manager of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, said the practice of the Kilkini B'laan was worth emulating because they treat the civets with respect.

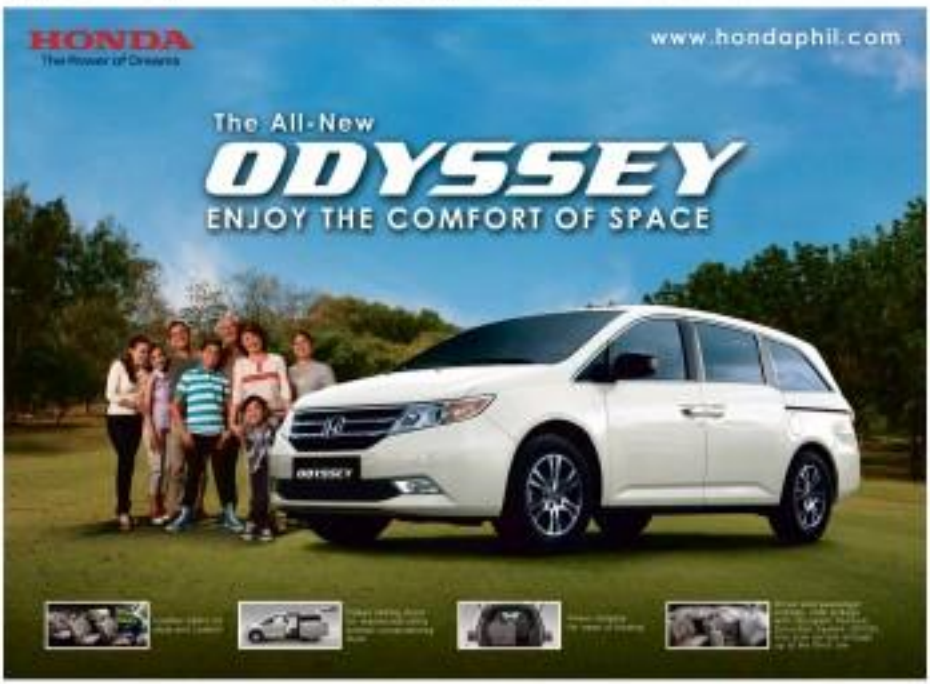
She said what the group is campaigning against are producers who cage civets for the sake of producing the sought after coffee beans.

"Civet cats in such farms live in tiny barren wire cages where they can only pace back and forth day in and day out. Their lives revolve around nothing but eating coffee beans. These animals are lethargic, bored and don't get to engage in behaviors that are important and natural to them," Bugaloy said.

She said coffee aficionados must only buy kopi luwak from persons actually collecting and harvesting the droppings.

"The civet that ever was suffered for the sake of a cup of coffee should leave a bitter taste in everyone's mouth," Bugaloy said.

A 1-YEAR-OLD civet cat is seen in a coffee farm in the town of Malalag in North Cotabato. Civets produce the world's most expensive coffee. JUNNIX MATIN



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Across the NATION

Lawyer gunned down as he arrived home in Tanjay

By Alex Rey Paz
Inquirer Visayas

DAGUPAN CITY, Negros Oriental—A lawyer was shot and killed by a still unidentified gunman in front of his common-law wife and 4-year-old son outside their house on Friday.

Lawyer Manolo Zosimo, 48, was downed his motorcycle waiting for his partner, Evelyn Martinez, and their 4-year-old son, Tuldenario, to open the gate of their house on Lapayan Street, Barangay 8, when shots rang out.

Zosimo slumped to the ground while the lone gunman casually walked to a lookout who was waiting in a motorcycle. The two fled to the direction of Bacong town.

Police said they are looking at the killing as possibly job-related.

"Lawyering certainly is risky," said Senior Supt. Edward Carranza, Negros Oriental police chief.

The killing of Zosimo came nearly a year after the killing of another lawyer, Atchel Martinez, in Dumaguete City.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines has expressed alarm over the spate of killings of judges and lawyers that remain unsolved.

Senate told ₱16B meat smuggled into PH

DAGUPAN CITY—Hog raisers in the country have urged the Senate committee on agriculture and food to investigate the rampant smuggling of meat into the country to prosecute the people behind the illegal activity that has been hurting the local meat industry.

In a position paper submitted to the Senate, Swine Development Council director Rosendo So said some ₱16-billion worth of pork was smuggled into the country last year, depriving the government billions of pesos in revenues.

Citing records of United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database (UN Comtrade), So said out of 164,122,427 kilograms of pork imported by other countries into the Philippines in 2011, only 54,174,139 kg were officially recorded entering the country.

The disparity means the government was deprived of revenues from 109,948,288 kg of pork, worth more than ₱16.49 billion (or ₱150 a kg), that entered the country last year but which was not reflected in the official records of the Department of Agriculture, said So, who is also of the pork-producing Abono.

He said 73,743,411 kg of pork that did not appear in BAI records had been declared as offal (low-grade animal and meat parts, like innards) which the inspectors should have priced at $2.7 (₱130) a kg.

He said some inspectors declared it as a price of $6.3 (₱273.50) a kg.

"Instead of paying a tariff of 40 percent or ₱66.6 a kg, unscrupulous traders said importers only pay a tariff of 5 to 15 percent or ₱25.50 a kg, which is clearly a case of technical smuggling," he said.

He said the hog industry stakeholders are supporting President Aquino's campaign against smuggling of pork and other agricultural products as part of the government's effort to protect the interest of local farmers.

"Moreover, we strongly appeal to the President to also go after corrupt government officials, customs and agricultural personnel who are colluding these economic saboteurs and allowing this smuggling—continued or worse—to thrive and flourish in the shadows of their positions," he said. Belinda Bantolo, *Inquirer Northern Luzon*

ACTOR-MP. Mublach, now a Liberal Party member, flashes the "Laban" sign with LP stalwarts Senator Sherwin Gatchalian (first from left) and Rep. Erin Tañada (first from right).

Actor Aga Mublach now member of P-Noy party

By Philip C. Tubeza

NEGROS, a yellow "Proud to be a Liberal" pin, actor Aga Mublach on Friday took a plunge into politics, taking his oath as a member of the ruling Liberal Party and saying he was ready to take on the powerful Pantaleñahs clan of Governor Sol.

Mublach, Ang Agapay Mublach in real life, took his oath before LP president and Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas and other party bigwigs at the LP headquarters in Tañon, Quezon City.

The actor said he would run for a House seat in the fourth district of Camarines Sur, the hometown of the Pantaleñahs.

"I'm ready for anything. If there's a call, there's a race," Mublach told ABS-CBN's Ted failon.

"I'm 43 years old and I'm joining politics because I want to serve the people. I was impressed when P-Noy took his seat and heard the campaign. I was impressed, it started there. I saw that change can really happen," he added.

When asked how he intends to counter the Pantaleñahs, Mublach replied: "The people. If people want change, then there's going to be change. It's as simple as that."

"I will work hard. I will go around," he said.

Mublach said he sought the help of Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo to unseat LP Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. who is the one who knocked on their door," he said.

Robredo, also a Bicolano, acknowledged that Mublach faces an uphill battle against the Pantaleñahs.

Mublach, however, will be supported by several mayors in Camarines Sur, said Robredo.

Salceda says classrooms in DepEd plan overpriced

By Gil C. Cabacungan

THE COST of classrooms to be built by private contractors under a public-private partnership program (PPP) of the Department of Education (DepEd) is double that of the cost projected by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), according to Albay Gov. Joey Salceda.

Salceda said while DepEd pegged the cost of a classroom at ₱660,000, private contractor would build one classroom for ₱1.7 million under the DepEd PPP.

Salceda described this as an "indecent critique" for select private contractors for a program which the government could have easily implemented itself.

"When it is the private sector doing it and call it PPP, ₱1,374,496 per classroom is now 'mid' or 'sub-par'," said Salceda, an economist who made his fortune in the stock market.

"I thought they would build it at a cheaper cost," he said. Salceda made the remarks after Education Secretary Armin Luistro announced the awarding of contracts next month for the ₹18.5 billion PPP School Infrastructure Project (PSIP), which aims to build 9,300 classrooms.

Salceda said the Albay government entered into a similar partnership with the DepEd last year with 176 classrooms built at a per-room price of ₱808,000 each. He said Albay and other local government units could build classrooms at costs closer to the DPWH suggested price of ₱660,000 each.

Salceda said private contractors stood to gain between 33.35 percent to 55.3 percent in profits in building classrooms.

"That is quite an indecent return due to only financed by a zero percent (refundable) equity recovery like foreign-controlled JFIbanc," said Salceda.

"The public welfare is better served if the government just built and borrowed (money for construction) at 6 percent for 10 years," he said.

The public-private classroom-construction program of DepEd, said Salceda, "runs too much fault in the cooperative sector and assumes that the rest of us are naive enough to fall for it."

Davao City population up to 1.44M

DAVAO CITY—The city's population hit 1.44 million based on the latest survey results released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) last month.

NSO said the spike in the city's population from 1.36 million in 2007 was mainly due to migration of people from other areas.

The migration, according to NSO Administrator Ms. Lesli Bautista, was driven by the belief that the city "offers more opportunities as a hub of government, business and industries."

Migration said the city has a high population density of 593 persons per square kilometer. The city has a total land area of 2,443.6 square kilometers, which makes it the biggest city in the world in terms of land size.

Despite its economy slowing down, last year due to problems confronting the manufacturing and mining sectors, Davao City remains a magnet for people seeking jobs from other areas, the National Economic Development Authority (Nedac) said.

At least 200 of the country's top companies operate in the city.

The city's working population (age bracket 15-64) was 833,452. The city has an employment rate of 93.3 percent.

Data of the 2011 labor force survey conducted by the NSO, the employment rate increased to 95.4 percent.

Maria Lourdes Lim, Nedac Southern Mindanao director, said the CBO's economy is diversified and resilient to crises.

But Lim said the Internet Communication Technology (ICT) sector in the city is expected to continue to grow.

Ayen Mallejos and Judy Quiroz, *Inquirer Mindanao*

Gov fears dam burst, seeks gradual release of more water

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—Gov. Amado Espino Jr. on Saturday asked the National Power Corp. (Napocor) to increase the volume of water that is being released from the Sta. Rosa Dam to San Manuel town to keep the dam's elevation below the spilling level of 168 meters above sea level (masl).

Espino said he issued the appeal as the dam still have more space to hold rainwater and excess water from the Binga Dam in Benguet that would be flowing into the reservoir in the coming days.

"We are worried because it's continuous raining and because we can no longer accurately predict the weather due to climate change, they might have to abruptly open again the spillway gates and we will again experience what happened in 2008," Espino said.

The dam was blamed for the massive flooding in Pangasinan in 2008 that submerged 50 towns and cities and destroyed some P6 billion worth of crops, fish ponds, bridges and dikes after San Roque operators opened all of the dam's spillway gates when it was about to reach its full capacity.

On Friday, Napocor was releasing 1,000 cubic meters per second (cms) through one spillway gate. But as more rain on Saturday, two more gates were opened releasing water at 418 cms. The dam's water elevation was 282.73 masl, still below its spilling level of 280 masl.

But Rosendo So, chair of the party-list group Abono, said the dam's outflow was very low compared to its inflow of 984 cms.

So was one of the business owners in Rosales town who asked Napocor and the San Roque Power Corp. (SRPC) officials to release more water to avoid the gates from being opened.

A group of lawyers in the province also filed a class suit against Napocor and SRPC.

"The outflow should be equal to the inflow so the dam's water level will not get high," he said.

He said the Agno River system absorb about 1,200 cms and increasing the outflow to 600 cms will not damage the soils there along the river.

Espino told Napocor officials to defy a water discharge protocol that the provincial government, Napocor and SRPC agreed on after the 2008 flooding.

"They are not following the protocol. What we agreed on was that if it reaches 276 masl, they should already release water to keep the level at 276 masl and for the rivers to absorb water," Espino said.

He said a stretch of the Agno River from San Jose Matanglad to Bayambang remains has not been dredged and an abrupt release of water, like in 2008, will cause the rivers to overflow.

At 4 a.m. on that day, the Agno River Basin Flood Forecasting and Warning Center in Binalonan town issued an flood alert level in villages along the Agno River because of the inflow of water from the river's tributaries and the release of water from the San Roque Dam. Gerald Escalona, *Inquirer Northern Luzon*

BEST ISLAND
Boracay has been chosen Best Island in the world by the great green getaway travel magazine Travel+Leisure which gave the award during ceremonies last July 19 in New York. Receiving the award is Abigail Yap, wife of Malay Mayor John Yap, and businessman Wilson Chan, of Boracay Newcomm.

ODE CORTEZ must be renewed for OFWs, who are often excluded from social protection programs in their country of employment.
—Emilio de Quiros Jr.
OSS president and CEO

GLOBAL Pinoy

Gilda Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Fight against corruption can be won

By Cathy Yamsuan

SHEILA Coronel, an award-winning investigative journalist, was home from New York City recently to talk about corruption.

Coronel had looked at and written about corruption in varying forms when she was with the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), which she cofounded.

Through PCIJ, Coronel and colleagues unearthed the 10 stories dating back to 1989, the need for investigative journalism in the fight against corruption.

Although she has spent the last six years teaching investigative reporting at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York, Coronel has kept an eye on goings-on in the Philippines.

She remains an involved observer via the Internet which, Coronel said, had become a valuable tool in monitoring corruption in the Philippines and elsewhere.

The attention she has given to the problem has apparently convinced the recipient of the 2003 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts that "corruption can be curbed."

But in her book on "Fighting Corruption: Can The Philippines Succeed?" one of the events leading up to the centenary next year of her alma mater, the College of the Holy Spirit on Mendiola, Coronel said there is "no magic bullet."

She answers the question in the positive but says "it will take time, and it will require a lot of political will."

Coronel said the Philippines had already had too many decades because of corruption. "Right now we're just catching up with the rest of Southeast Asia especially Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore."

But while things seem moving better now, Coronel said they could move faster.

Powerful message

She said putting the right people in an agency sent a powerful message. She cited the appointment of Christian Monsod as chair and Haydee Yorac as commissioner of the Commission on Elections.

"Particular was one of the most corrupt agencies during the time of Marcos. It underwent reform during the time of (President) Cory Aquino. But the question is sustainability. Catholics was very strong in the 1950 but now we have (Among) Bedol," the pointed out.

Coronel blamed patronage politics for recurring problems. Even if there change, operating under the same corrupt system would continue the same problems the moment they replaced, she said.

In an interview later, Coronel lauded the impeachment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona although she said she was "of two minds" about the process.

Corona needed to be removed since his appointment was marred by irregularities. But the process should be short and the rules it took to impeach him might have caused damage to the institutions involved—the Senate that tried him, the House of Representatives that prosecuted him and the judiciary he headed.

"It was a victory for Noynoy (the President) and his ambitious regime drive. But I think we must move beyond political issues to a way of addressing problems ... People might think it was political vendetta, as Corona was saying," Coronel said.

And she added: "How sure are (we) that the successor (to Corona) would be better? I'm worried about the message that replacing one who did wrong is enough when it's actually much more complicated than that. It's not just a question of putting good people in leadership positions."

"Political trials can get the people's attention. But when it comes to the everyday like reinforcing trouble deliveries, it's more difficult because it's not as dramatic. Hindi siya sham ba," she noted.

Challenging citizens

"The challenge is how to keep people engaged in the process that's not dramatic that involves building something and not just putting someone down," Coronel said.

The executive director of Columbia's Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism is teaching her students the lessons and skills she has learned.

"There are certain skills that are teachable: going documents, analyzing documents, where to get information, the use of documents and public records to prove wrongdoing. Second for investigative interviewing which means trying to get sources out of people, getting sources to give you information that otherwise would remain secret or hidden," she said.

Coronel noted that the Philippine government was "armed" enough for concerned citizens to take a look at its transactions online. Technology Coronel said, could be a useful tool in detecting irregularity.

In the meantime yes, the PCIJ hired interns to encode the statements of assets, liabilities and net worth of congressmen during back to 1986.

This was how the book "The Reinsurers: How The Wealthy and Well Born Dominate Congress" that delved into the height of unbridled excess involving wealthy families, politics and big business was researched. Coronel edited and coauthored the book.

Coronel said, in her new job, she was "learning a lot of new things that I would not have the opportunity to learn here."

"These included the use of technology in journalism, the changing business models and the rise of "digital-only" news entities.

"Journalism is changing very fast, not just in terms of formats from print to digital but also the ways we do reporting. The ways we tell stories. The way we engage the audiences, the way we create communities," Coronel said.

She said there were many changes in journalism in the US that she was learning.

CORONEL says appointing the right people sends a strong message that the government wants to curb corruption.

Do the math: Why Filipino students don't fit the Asian stereotype

By Edsan C. Tandoc Jr.

COLUMBIA, Missouri.... I know how to use chopsticks. I ate lots of rice. Still, I don't exactly fit the stereotype of an Asian graduate student in an American university.

I don't like noodles. And I don't possess mind-blowing skills with numbers.

Though Asians are often stereotyped as natural number crunchers, Filipino students seem to be trailing their Asian counterparts in mathematics and science.

I guess you can count me among those who lag behind.

A global survey ranks the Philippines 113th out of 142 economies in perceived quality of Math and Science education. Our tiny neighbor Singapore tops the list.

These results are based on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Competitiveness Report for 2011-2012, which ranks Taiwan, 56th; Hong Kong, 11th; and South Korea, 12th.

The survey asked business executives around the world to rate the quality of education, among other things, in their respective countries.

I am no longer surprised that a Korean student is admitted every year in my doctoral program at the Missouri School of Journalism.

Aside from other qualifications, Koreans are usually known for their skills in statistics, an important competency in quantitative media research, which is what we usually do in my program.

Master statisticians

In academic conferences, I always encounter Asian researchers presenting studies that use advanced statistical analyses, such as structural equation modeling (SEM).

I understand those numbers now. I always knew how to use most of those quantitative tools. I am getting solid training in quantitative research here at my university.

But the process wasn't easy for me (even if my parents and my younger brother are all engineers).

Math is viewed (and justifiably so) as a tool for analysis, not books, and my professors and classmates for baby-several times and, when everything else failed, tutors helpful YouTube videos on how to use statistics software.

But for my other Asian colleagues, working with numbers comes in more naturally.

The same global survey ranks Malaysia 22nd, Japan 24th, Brunei 25th, and China 31st in perceived quality of Math and Science education.

Our neighbors Indonesia (50th), Vietnam (99th), Thailand (100th), and Cambodia (97th), as well as Bangladesh (106th) in the Indian subcontinent, also outrank us in the WEF survey.

This means our own business managers in the Philippines, who often jobs to our graduates, are not impressed by our Math and Science teaching.

The fact is my answer would numbers.

Some students take journalism in college, thinking they can escape Math. They are wrong.

As a result, when we report on crime statistics, rancks in business or even results of opinion polls, we deal with numbers.

Of course, Filipino students have the advantage of a good command of English.

Learning, however, is not—and should not be—a zero-sum game.

We can make our academic proficient in English while also improving their Math and business skills and scores.

As I am discovering in my own doctoral studies, learning about numbers is useful, important and fun.

The author is a Fulbright scholar and a Ph.D. student at the Missouri School of Journalism. His research is focused on the exchange of message construction, including that of news and social media messages. He uses both qualitative and quantitative approaches in his research.

Petitioning a child who is not a blood relative

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A CHILD of a United States citizen or legal permanent resident can get immigration benefits as long as there is a legal relationship between the child and the USC/LPR parent.

But what if there is no relationship at all with the child? How will the USC/LPR be able to petition a child who is not a blood relative?

To address this issue, we look into this case from a reader:

"I met a wonderful woman on a cruise ship somewhere in the Philippines. In the few months that we were together, I fell in love with her. Upon my return to the States, she informed me that she was pregnant and I was the father of the child. I returned to the Philippines after the birth of the child and acknowledged (him) as my son in the birth certificate. I failed to register him as an American citizen at the US Embassy in Manila... I was told to take the DNA test, which I did.

"...the DNA tests showed... I was not the biological father of the child. I left for the US and returned after a few years... to visit the child. I left him (here) because he insisted to be neglected by his mother. I want to petition the child even if he is not my son. What should I do?"

—Anonymous

Proving the relationship

Ironically, the birth certificate is the document governing the relationship between a parent and child. In the immigration petition, a parent submits proof of his citizenship or residence status and the birth certificate of the child. To prove the child's legitimate status, the parent will have the certificate to usually submitted.

Since the birth certificate is strong proof of relationship between parent and child, in some instances, an individual, not the real parent, would simply have his/her name written down as the "parent" on the birth certificate thinking this will create the parent-child relationship.

This often happens in adoption cases. A child's birth certificate shows the name of the adoptive parent, instead of the natural birth parents, to eliminate the need for a judicial decree of adoption. This is commonly known as a "simulated" birth certificate.

In immigration petitions, however, "simulated" birth certificates are not acceptable proofs of parent-child relationship. As soon as an immigration examiner or consular officer gets proof that the listed parents are not the biological parents, the petition is denied for lack of legal relationship.

The submission of birth certificates is not enough to show parental relationship for immigration petitions. Other factors are taken into account.

To illustrate, a grandparent who obtained a birth certificate naming him/her as "parent" of a grandchild would be viewed by the immigration person for petitioning closer kins/children and would not be allowed.

Parents that raise red flags could be the age of the grandparents at the time of the birth of the child, the age gap between other children and the child claimed to be the grandparent's, the age difference between the grandparent and the child, etc.

DNA tests

Nothing in the regulations requires mandatory DNA testing to prove parent-child relationship. Consular officers and immigration examiners use their own discretion if there are doubts about a parent-child relationship.

Most high-based posts, which include the US Embassy in Manila, often require DNA testing, especially in cases involving illegitimate children or those born out of wedlock.

This is where frustration in the issue arises. In his dismay, the inquired DNA test found that the child was not his.

Despite the negative result of the DNA test, the latter-mother would still want to petition the child and bring him to the US.

There are two ways to petition a nonbiological child. One way is through adoption. Since 2008, adoption of orphans is governed by the Hague Convention on Adoption. Generally, the child is not supposed to be petitioned, meaning the child to be adopted may not be chosen by the adoptive parents. Instead, the latter Country Adoption Board will identify who should be adopted.

If inter-country adoption is not applicable, the child must be domestically petitioned as a "relative" child, in which case, the adoptive parent must prove at least two years of physical presence in the Philippines and at least two years of legal custody over the adopted child before the immigration petition could be processed.

The other way to petition a nonbiological child is through the stepchild petitioning process. This is not applicable to all nonbiological children. A US citizen may petition a stepchild only if the biological mother and the US citizen were married while and good-faith marriage before the stepchild turns 18 years old.

In this case, the US citizen may petition the child as long as there is proof of the marital relationship with the mother.

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Phelps sets farewell, focus now on Bolt, Blake on track

LONDON—American swimming icon Michael Phelps will bring the curtain down on his glittering Olympic career on his safety as attention turns to track and field and the most eagerly anticipated 100m in history.

Mired a slow start to his campaign, Phelps could well sign off with his fourth gold medal of the Games as he aims to consolidate his position as the most decorated Olympian in history.

A nail-biting victory in the men's 100m butterfly on Friday saw Phelps finish his second individual title of the Olympics after his earlier bagging gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay.

The 27-year-old—who claimed a record eight golds in Beijing four years ago—will be swimming flat-out to collect the 19th gold of his career, and his 22nd summer Olympic medal, in Saturday's 4x100m medley relay.

Two would be against Phelps

ending his 12-year Olympic career **with a golden finish as the main** swimming competition draws to a close.

In other highlights of the final day of action in the pool, China's Sun Yang will attempt to complete a long distance double by adding the 1,500m crown to the 400m crown won earlier in the games.

Day two of the track and field competition will see the gold medals on offer, with female golfer Inbee Park and Canadian Jessica Zelinka, but will be anything but complacent as she heads into her final day.

"I'm going to have to have a really strong day and make sure everything is really solid. There's a lot more work," Inbee said before Friday.

While six athletic medals will be decided on Saturday all eyes will be on the opening rounds of the men's 100m.

Provider (track event)

Defending champion Usain Bolt and Jamaican teammates Nesta Blake and Asafa Powell will make their entrance along side US rivals Tyson Gay and Justin Gatlin, with the semifinals and final scheduled for Sunday.

The 100m remains the premier track and field event, and arguably of the whole Olympics, with the London Final being hyped as potentially the fastest ever run.

"Everyone's been waiting for this for four years. It's going to live up to expectations," said Blake, who edged Bolt in the Jamaican trials and has been pushing him to a genuine title contender.

The women's 200m gold will also be decided following Friday's opening heats and a semi-final early in Saturday's evening session.

In the women's pole vault, double Olympic champion Yelena Isinbayeva will bid to safely negotiate qualifying for Monday's final.

UK cyclists dominant

Britain's cyclists will meanwhile attempt to extend their crushing dominance in the velodrome, where the hosts have so far won three out of four golds on offer and are on course to match their haul of seven.

The British teams will expect to bag another gold in the women's team pursuit after a world record-breaking performance to reach the final.

Elsewhere, the first medals of the boxing tournament at Whitelocks will be decided with Serbian Williams and Marko Shumenkovic boasting a first Olympic singles gold medal. AFP

THE GOLDEN OLYMPIAN US swimmer Michael Phelps dives as he competes in the men's 100m butterfly final on Friday. He won yet another gold.

UK'S GOLDEN GIRL Jessica Ennis competes in the women's heptathlon long jump qualification at the athletics event on Saturday.

'Blade Runner' makes Olympic history

LONDON—South Africa's Oscar Pistorius became the first double amputee to compete on the track at an Olympic Games on Saturday, finishing second in his men's 400 metres heat with a season's best time.

Nicknamed "Blade Runner," Pistorius races wearing carbon-fibre prosthetic blades after being born without one g fibula in both legs.

The 25-year-old, who is also an ex South Africa's 4 x 400 relay team, raced to huge cheers and looked comfortable throughout as he qualified for the semi-finals with a time of 45.44 seconds—four seconds a previous season's best of 49.32.

World junior champion Lupsekile Banton of the Democratic Republic won the race with a time of 45.04.

In 2008, Pistorius knew Pechstein successfully appealed against an International ruling his Athletics Federation (IAAF) was to ban him from running in able-bodied events. Reuters

Barriga loses, PH officials file protest

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round. Barriga ducked under his opponent's punches and was again rewarded down.

That was when the referee charged him with headbutting.

"That's life. I was in condition, but I was exhausted because my opponent was wrestling me in the ground," Barriga lamented after the fight.

At the end of the fight, Zhakyprov again wrestled Barriga and slammed him into the canvas and he also fell. Both fighters were on the canvas when the referee again called a penalty this time on both fighters.

The ban leaves only three Filipinos in the Games. They are Daniel Caluag in BMX, Montreal, in long jump and Rene Herrera in the 5,000 meter run.

Barriga had been the country's last bet for a medal and he looked set on his way to the quarterfinals against the unimpressive Zoi Shining of China when the referee intervened in the third round.

Barriga, who beat Italy's Roberto Cappai in the round of 16, was at the receiving end of what had turned into a wrestling match with the taller Kazakh trying to overpower him at the ditches and pushing him down every time he ducked him. Time and again, Barriga fell down.

And midway through the third round, he fell again. In Barriga's surprise, it was he who suffered the penalty.

"I can't explain why he was penalized for headbutting," Amateur Boxing Association coach Roel Velasco.

The Filipino had outthought his opponent with counterpunches and managed to break through his defense for two rounds.

He took the first round at 5-4. After a furious second round Barriga was ahead at 10-9.

"He was wrestling me. It affected me badly. Every time I ducked, he would wrestle me to the ground," Barriga said.

The referee thought I was headbutting," he said.

Philippine officials said there's basis for the protest. Patrick Gregorio, secretary general of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines, said the Kazakh was given a warning three times and was never penalized.

Barriga was warned only once and he suffered the penalty.

The protest, filed by Gregorio and ABAP executive director Ed Picson with the jury, came to the wonder of the Filipino delegation that had rooted the boxing competitions in the Games.

In one case, the International amateur Boxing Federation (AIBA) had overturned the victory of India's Krishan Vikas over Errol Spence in the welterweight division for biased officiating. The competition saw this awarded the fight to the American.

Erap: Mar against LP-UNA coalition, Liberals have no one yet to pit vs Binay

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"I was told Mar was against it," he said, but declined to say how he got the information.

Razon opposes coalition

Razon on Friday said a coalition with the UNA may not be feasible, as the UNA has already stated that it was not open to alliances with other parties for next year's midterm elections.

"I think it was the UNA [that] said they had their own direction," Razon said. "They even said that they would not entertain alliances, so we're just following what they themselves announced," he said.

Estrada said the opposition by the Liberals to a coalition had to do with the presidential election in 2016.

"[The] 2016 [presidential election] is a factor," he said. "Many Liberals already have their eyes on the presidential election."

Told that UNA leaders, particularly Vice President Jejomar Binay, were also eyeing the presidential election this early, Estrada said: "Of course, but the Liberals[have no contender [yet to pit against Binay]."

Earlier this year, Binay said he would run for the presidency in 2016. In preparation for his presidential run, he continued to campaign in the provinces.

Partido Demokratikong Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) Party with Estrada's Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino (PMP) to form the alliance now called the UNA.

Binay's defeated Razon in the 2010 vice presidential race, but Razon is contesting Binay's victory.

Shoot for Binay

Estrada said some Liberals were probably afraid that a coalition with the UNA might boost Binay's chances of winning the 2016 presidential race. But an alliance would benefit President Aquino's administration for the rest of his term, Estrada said.

"It will be an advantage for P-Noy during his term because he will have a big force," he said. "But we'll be able to maintain two major parties. So we'll be able to save on [campaign] money and so would we."

Pobre does not think a coalition between the LP and the UNA would bolster Binay's presidential chances. "These are all speculations," he said. "Let's leave that to them."

Talk with Llamas

Ma. Aquino's political adviser, Ronald Llamas, paid a quiet visit to Estrada on Thursday night for a discussion of the proposed coalition. Said they were unable to talk about the coalition because other people came to see Estrada. The two men agreed to meet again next week.

Llamas was due meeting as mentioned on the LP "Governary Unit Executive Committee" (Guitec) (party line), on their own distance Atherton," he said.

Llamas said another issue that needs to be resolved is the likelihood that a common LP-UNA senatorial ticket will have real effect potential candidates.

Both groups are trying to get electable candidates to contest next year's race for 12 seats in the Senate.

"Both of us will have to sacrifice," Estrada said, pointing out that the UNA already had eight "core" candidates. "We'll do that for love of country."

Equal division

Estrada said he had consulted the UNA's executive committee on the matter and was told that "they have no objection" provided the common senatorial ticket would be equally divided between the two groups—an UNA and an LP candidate.

The administration party is also conducting separate coalition talks with the Nacionalista Party (NP) of Sen. Manuel Villar and the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC).

President Aquino said he was optimistic that the coalition with the NP and the NPC would be concluded soon.

Estrada said he was open to a coalition with the LP even if the administration party placed bacon with the NPC and the NP-Koh Federal Party. He previously clashed with Villar during the 2010 presidential election.

'Their slots, not ours'

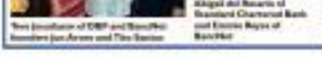
Estrada said a coalition between the UNA and the NP would be "no big problem." But he said he would accept NP senatorial candidates provided they were among the LP's slots on the common ticket.

"If [the Liberals] want to get [Nacionalista candidates], they should put them in their slots, not [ours]," he said. With a report from Philip C. Tubeza

BancNet: Even Bigger @ 22

BancNet directors, advisers and founders toast BancNet on its 22nd anniversary

Ric Chua of BancNet, Bud Tierros of Tanguay, Emmie Reyes of BancNet, Sydney Hao of Metro Pac, Jojo Mabigalo of Tanguay, Samuel Tan of Metro Pac and Aris Zaño of BancNet



Ric Chua of BancNet, Miko Sandig of RCBC and George Cuirco of PhilCrest

BancNet, the country's largest electronic banking consortium, marked its 22nd anniversary at Dusit Thani Manila recently with an appreciation party for its 69 member banks and affiliates. It celebrated a year of record growth during which it also launched more "firsts" in the industry including the first cashless transit fare payment facility in the country. President Robert F. Shay thanked customers, members, CEOs, BancNet committee members, and industry partners for helping make these achievements possible.

The well-wishers at the event were led by top banking executives. Bangko Sentral governor Amando Tetangco, China Bank president Peter Dee, Equicom Savings Bank chair Antonio Go and vice chair Rene Buenaventura, Allied Savings Bank president Jaime del Barrio, Orion Bank Savings president Alberto Emby Ramos and Zambales Bank chair Jerry Calleja, Jr. and president Jerry Calleja III. Other top executives from the industry who graced the affair were UBA International deputy country manager Judith Dumlao, Union Pay country manager Samuel Tan, JCB Asia Pacific director Hiroto Masasuru and chief representative Dziet Fu-ming, Tanguay Solutions CEO Jojo Mabigalo and Armored Transport Plus chair Erdon Chan. Together with Shay, BancNet chair Ric Chua, vice chair Abigail del Rosario and executive vice president and chief operating officer Aris Zaño were on hand to welcome the guests.

Tess Javellana of CIBP and BancNet boardmembers Jun Aurora and Tito Santos

Daniel Yu of Security Bank, Abigail del Rosario of Standard Chartered Bank and Emmie Reyes of BancNet

St. Clare joins 3-way tie for Naascu lead

By Mari Anthony Reyes

ST. CLARE scored its second straight victory to join a three-way tie for the lead even as STI bounced back Friday night in the National Athletic Association of Athletic, Colleges and Universities (Naascu) men's basketball tournament at STI Cyber Campus in Sanchez Global City, Taguig.

The Saints once again relied on former University of Manila big guns Jeff Viernes and Eugene Torres to down the New Era University Warriors, 66-55, and snatch the 2-0 slates of AMA Computer and Centro Escolar University.

MSH Computers soared to a 91-66 win over City University of Pasay while CEU decided Emilio, 75-51.

Viernes and Torres combined for 21 points as St. Clare won Nine Ten as it ride last year's runner-up STC at 1-1 following a 95-64 thrashing of Trece College-Cavite.

Cedric Abbas scored 16 points, while McLevan Arabellano and Lenard Bonabilis fired 12 points each for the Olympians.

STI coach Vic Yordanes said the team is slowly getting in rhythm and should get better as the tournament wears on.

Arabellano Arnett clinched his 23 points to lead the Titans. The Eagles dipped to 0-2.

The Scores:

ST. CLARE (66) — Viernes 16, E. Torres 12, Lanot 12, Abbas 12, Bonabilis 12, Arabellano 7, Ramirez 2, Ilagan 0, Bautista 0, Bacani 0, Cabanlig 0, Tolentino 0.

NEW ERA (55) — Pascual 12, Mercurio 11, Ayad 7, Lumbres 7, C. Arabellano 6, Mendoza 5, Cruz 3, Tabuena 2, Ignacio 2, Lumbang 0, Quinto 0.

Quarters: 20-8, 32-22, 49-40, 66-55.

Vera faces Rua today

FILIPINO-American Brandon "The Truth" Vera hosts Brazilian Marcelo "Shogun" Rua at the Octagon for a light heavyweight fight on Saturday (Saturday in Manila) at Las Vegas.

The 34-year-old Vera, with a record of 16-8, is thrilled to be facing Rua, with a 20-8 slate, he considered as one of the best.

Rua has become an inspiration to local mixed martial arts fighters who dream of making it big in the UFC.

Pristine Sports Center hopes to help bring this dream to fruition by bringing in UFC10 products for this month. The official UFC10 fight gloves are now available at Pristine Sports Center stores.

THE IRONMEN at the start of the swim stage at the Shangri-La Marine Hotel in Lapu-Lapu City. Joseph Vidal (PSC)

Cobra Ironman starts in Cebu

By Jhonnie Napallacan and Irene R. Sino-Cruz
Inquirer Visayas

LAPU-LAPU CITY — At least 1,700 participants made up of 1,350 individuals athletes and competitors ripe and coat in 124 relay teams from 24 countries will plunge into action in the Cobra Ironman 70.3 Philippines starting here today.

The biggest swim-bike-run competition Cebu is hosting will feature 30 professional athletes, including back-to-back champion Pete Jacobs of Australia and his competitor and reigning women champion Melinda Granger.

Also in the field is 2009 Ironman One World Champion Antonio Bortosi of Great Britain, who came with his girlfriend, Japanese model Jessica Michibata, who will compete in the 30-34 age group category.

Organizers said the event has become so big that it needs to transfer to a venue that has more facilities after staging it for three years from 2009 in Cacuwinas Sur resort.

"Four years ago, we had gated audiences. But I would not be honest if I said we would have something like this," said Wilfred Steven Remigio Jr., head of event organizer Ironman Events Inc. and president and chief executive officer of Alaska Milk Corp.

"We would like to thank the province of Cebu for what they did but we just got too big," he told a news conference on Friday afternoon at the Shangri-La Mactan Island Resort and Spa.

Last year, more than 1,200 individuals, 12 professional athletes and 47 relay teams from 20 countries competed in Cebu.

With more participants, Universe said Cobra Energy Drink Ironman 70.3 wanted to have "a bigger home."

The year's triathlon will start at 5 a.m. for the 1.9 km swim race in the waters off the Hilton airport Channel.

The 90 km bike course will start from the five-star resort in Talisay City passing through Mandaue City and then to the South Road Properties Tunnel in Cebu City before going back here, for the 21 km run.

The entire Cebu has been placed on heightened alert with at least 2,651 personnel to be deployed in the different routes and venues of the event, said Senior Supt. Wyr Lyndon Lawsat, Lapu-Lapu City Police Office director.

He said 30 personnel from the Philippine Air Force will also be deployed while 22 members of the Naval Reserve Command Detachment will provide additional security in the waters off Shangri-La for the swim race. With a report from Sheila D'Ascoli

Tsui, Rivera split KF2-KF3 Cup honors

CITRUS of Cadenza Racing and Miss Stevens of TERN-C Racing seized separate races in the 2012 KFI-KFN Cup Series recently at Carmona Racetrack.

The 17-year-old Tsui, hailed as the next budding star on his debut season in the KFI class, shone in Round 3 of the series anchored by the Automobile Association Philippines and sponsored by Yokohama, Goto-Gokin, Spoon, Hyper Industrial and Accuseal.

Rivera, who ruled the Philippine leg of the Asian Karting Open, staged a roaring comeback from the tailend to claim victory in Round 4.

Eduardo Jose Calderon of Red Bull Ingenium-Sukhoi Racing and Bibiano Steven of Pena-C Racing also shared honors in the KF3 division. Calderon cruised both Fiberglas Round 2 and Pilsen-rounded revenge in Round 4 as he claimed the series throughout.

Edmund Tsui (left) and Mio Rivera

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Ex-cop tagged in slay nabbed near Cuenca

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'Tortured DH ready to fight'

By Julie M. Aurelio

EVEN the so-called minimum wage hell is heaven compared to what she got.

On top of the torments that left her bruised and blind allegedly at the hands of her former employers, the 23-year-old woman rules last week filed criminal charges against a Quezon City couple had received a mere salary of P800 a month.

Still, Rosita Bunsa never failed to send the money to her mother, according to Rosalie Fajardo-Arana, head of the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) which helped the Cimahanan native press charges in the city prosecutor's office.

"Animals are better off because there's the Animal Welfare Act. How about our household help who are paid low wages, without benefits, and are even beaten up by their employers?" Acosta told the Inquirer in an interview Friday.

SARAH earlier alleged harassment: "If I hear their voice, I will know it's them."

In the case of Bunsa, she was paid only P800 a month even though the going rate for maids in Metro Manila is around P3,000, the PAO chief said.

Almost completely blind after years of abuse, Bunsa on Thursday used Braille and Arabic likeness of Lim Villas del Carlo, Novaliches, for allegedly causing physical injuries and serious illegal detention.

Bunsa can no longer work on account of her injuries and now stays at an undisclosed location somewhere in Bulacan with her sister and an elder, Acosta said.

"She's blind in the right eye from repeated punches and the left eye is 20 percent working. She can no longer work, not in that condition."

The Quezon City prosecutors' office set the first hearing for the preliminary investigation of the case on Aug. 9. Assistant City Prosecutor Rodolfo Tevejas has issued a subpoena for the Marcos couple.

"We hope they will show up to answer the charges," Acosta said, adding that Bunsa's case should serve as a warning to other abusive employers.

Bunsa alleged that Josilito Marcos repeatedly punched her in the eyes, burned her face with a flat iron, wounded her with a knife in a pair of scissors, and once even tried to make her swallow cockroaches.

Reynaldo, the husband, was included in the complaint as accessory by purportedly threatening his wife's cruelty on Bunsa, who started working for the couple in February 2007.

Acosta expressed confidence that the cases will reach the courts, saying Bunsa was a very credible person who could recount the details her ordeal from memory.

As a test, the lawyer said, Bunsa was asked by PAO lawyers if she could still identify her former employers despite her blindness. The woman replied: "If I hear their voice, I will know it's them."

"She is very brave. She said she will now fight to right the wrongs and stop the abuses against domestic helpers like her who are suffering the same fate," Acosta said.

'Chief, Vice, help us keep our homes'

By Jayleen T. Sairal

PHASE 1 that lists their supposedly separates the Amang property and the Gonzalez Area in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City?

Perhaps the two highest officials of the country can help settle the matter for the estates residents composed mostly of military men and their families.

The Comelec chief, President Arroyo, the former lot, Comelec to Fort Bonifacio has written to President Aquino and Vice President Jejomar Binay, appealing for their intervention as they claim that the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is unduly evicting them from their homes.

The BCDA is set to demolish structures on a 19-hectare area straddling the Amang property, which the agency owns, and the neighboring Diplomatic and Gonzalez Area, over which the BC-DA has administrative control.

The Comelec is composed mostly of veterans and active soldiers and led by retired Col. Benjamin C. Dalisay and lawyers Herman J. Gallega. Lim wrote, the group disclosed that on July 23 it received written and demolition warnings from the BCDA even though its members reside on the consular area and not on the Amang property.

Just the BCDA's numbered days, it has obtained clearances for the demolitions from concerned government offices, and maintained that Comelec members were coho and workers even paying a part of the Amang property.

The agency and Comelec members ship was just down to 21 families and than 277 other families, or 9% percent of the workers—had already agreed to BCDA's relocation program.

Still, Comelec wrote to the President—offering to him or the "Commander in Chief" of the Armed Forces in the Philippines"—to insist that BC-DA acts convincingly in jurisdiction.

According to Proclamation No. 423, which established the Fort Andres Bonifacio Military Reservation, the Diplomatic and Consular Area] is not part of the properties of BCDA," they replied.

They also alleged that they were being "harassed, intimidated and threatened by BCDA representatives."

"These soldiers, retired veterans and their families put their lives at risk in the service of their fellow Filipinos," they added. "Clearly, this is not the way to treat the soldiers and retired veterans who have chosen to serve and defend our country."

Turning to Binay, who also chairs the Housing and Development Coordinating Council, the group said the eviction contradicted the purpose of the BCDA and the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992.

Cerez, which earlier threatened BC-DA with legal action, said it was still "willing to negotiate and talk with the people and to settle this matter in a more humane manner."

Earlier this week, BCDA president Antonio Ferrazzini maintained that the area up for demolition was within Amang. "It is very clear that the government owns the property," he said, citing a 2006 Supreme Court decision.

He also cited a certificate of compliance on demolition issued by Taguig's Local Housing Board on July 19.

From Santiago, BCDA vice president for business development, insisted that while "there are no members in estate" on their northern dividing Amang and the consular area, BCDA knows very well where the division lies.

"Based on our boundary survey, which the Department of Environment and Natural Resources approved, we know where is within Amang," he said.

HOUSE CALLS FOR HEALTH Nursing nurse Maria Fe Bergado Tico and her 2-week-old baby Laura Zyrille (left) of Taguig City get a visit from a home-feeding counselor.

Meralco's unsung heroes

Going beyond the call of duty

By Aiden Joshua O. Cruz

Extraordinary acts of selflessness from ordinary Meralco personnel give flesh to one of the distribution utility's core values – reliability – and add more meaning to its corporate existence.

With almost 110 years of providing power to homes and businesses, Meralco has earned its reputation as the Metro Manilans and residents of nearby provinces which belong to its franchise area.

Through these years, the company has had its share of cunning heroes. Several stand out in Meralco's recent collective memory for their noble and selfless acts which allowed customers to flourish.

Good Samaritan

On July 13, 2010, Maynard Serano was waiting for a red light on Quezon Avenue in Quiapo City when he was suddenly rear-ended by a Forester, sending his car into a tailspin before it slammed to a nearby post.

Fuses, Julie Vargas Avenue, Meralco's sub-transmission line engineer Lester Nonato in Cost Meralco spotted Serano stagger out of his car. While his hands trembled, Serano survived minor damage. Serano hastily walked away from the wreck with only a few bruises and scrapes.

The negligible dented guess necessary here, saving the wreck for the mother his mother, had 1 not been for the General Hospital Emergency Room.

"When the SUV boys pump [to me], I knew the driver had no intention of helping him," said Meralco, who was on his way to his night shift. Instinctively, he took off after the speeding SUV to hospitals, telling it long enough for him to take down its plate number.

A Pasig Bureau correspondent was already on the scene by the time he returned to the intersection to check on his car. Meralco figured long enough to relay the plate number and his contact details to his colleagues in the police station. "I still have to report to work."

Though it was also caught by CCTV cameras in the area, Meralco was the only witness to the incident. A few days later, he met the car's owner both at the police precinct to make an official statement, leading to the case's swift resolution.

"It's very rare for someone to help, especially at that time," Marcel Roth who could only marvel at the Meralco engineer's unusual act of concern for someone he didn't even know.

Hero on the line

In 2009, Typhoon Ondoy wrought havoc on Metro Manila with thousands left homeless and several hundred lives lost. Images of houses and cars being swept by flash waterfalls are the memories of many.

Meralco engineer Lenar Hermarcio Lose Medina was in the thick of duty at the height of Ondoy's onslaught.

Unaware of the whereabouts of his wife, children and parents, as the power lines he was working on were knocked out by the typhoon, Medina was thankful none of his loved ones was hurt. He even decided to work overtime since many of his colleagues could not report because of the typhoon's devastation.

Like Medina, other Meralco personnel were working round-the-clock and risking life and limb just to restore the safety of the greatest public as well as to restore power the quickest possible way.

Aside from immediately restoring cell power to critical areas experiencing floods, these heroes were quick to attend to electric poles and lines that have been damaged to make sure that no untoward incidents would occur in the areas affected.

Such is the dedication of the Meralco linemen during typhoon Ondoy and during calamities which demand not only their technical skills and expertise, but their courage as well, it also underscores

Meralco engineer Lenar Hermarcio Lose Medina on duty.

Flashwaters fail to dampen the spirit of this Meralco employee during typhoon Ondoy.

Meralco's preparedness to respond to emergencies especially during this typhoon season – which was again present in the wake of typhoon Gener last week.

This is the kind of motivation that seems to be second nature to Meralco's Lenar and Pedanes as well as many others whose stories remain untold. It is this same unshakable that people in Meralco try to administer and exemplify in going beyond the call of duty.

Apart from restoring electricity, Meralco line personnel also help flood victims reach safer grounds.

A Meralco crew is ready to respond to emergency in a flooded area in Metro Manila.

TSEK! Taguig scores high in breast-feeding

By Mario Cabrera
Contributor

[illegible] was effected statistics, at least seventy-[illegible] 10 new mothers on Taguig City have delivered their babies, according to Mayor Lani Cayetano.

Cayetano credits the unusual high rate to the strong and sustained collaboration among city executives, health staff and community volunteers to promote breast-feeding.

"In addition to their support," she said, "I told them that more than approving to implement the campaign, if we were impressed to put the advocacy to heart."

Last year, Taguig began to implement the Breast-feeding TSEK (Tama, Sapat at Eksklusibo) campaign to promote "exclusive breast-feeding," which refers to no other drinking before birth only mother's milk and nothing else during the first six months of life.

Funded by the Spanish government and the European Union, the TSEK campaign is managed by the Department of Health in various pilot sites and supported by a joint UN program of the World Health Organization, Unicef and the International Labor Organization.

A local nongovernment organization, Angono, helps train breast-feeding peer counselors to target communities.

According to Dr. Erlinda Ramos del Sol, assistant secretary of the DoH, the exclusive breast-feeding rate in Taguig rose from 66 percent in 2008 to 73 percent in 2013 based on the latest Family Health Survey by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

The current national exclusive breast-feeding rate is 47 percent.

While the city has had much success in getting mothers in communities to breast-feed, this is not quite the case with working mothers. Dr. Ramos-del Sol said: "One reason for this is the pressure on mothers to return to work a month or so after delivery to help maximize family income."

Because of this, there is still a need to intensify efforts to counsel working mothers on ways to sustain breast-feeding even after they have returned to work, she added.

Jessie Dario-Espiritu, city bureau feeding program coordinator, said they would further address working mothers' concerns by convincing more private businesses to have a house-feeding station in their workplaces.

"This, after all, is already mandated by national and city laws and these establishments may just be avoiding a little responsibility," she said.

For the general public, she noted that some commercial establishments in Taguig, including at least one big shopping mall, have already allocated enclosed spaces for breast-feeding.

Also, there are restaurants in the city that already proudly display the sign "Breast-feeding welcome here."

To set an example for its corporate constituents, Taguig City Hall itself has put up a [illegible] breast-feeding station in its premises... for its employees as well as for mother taxpayers and other guests.

Cayetano said that the city's investments in these campaigns would more than pay off in terms of lessening the burden on the city's health care system. "A well-nourished citizenry translates to healthier individuals and therefore less people going up at health centers to seek medical treatment," she said.

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Sudan, S. Sudan ink deal on sharing oil wealth

ADDIS ABABA—Sudan and South Sudan have hammered out a deal on how to share their oil wealth, one of a series of disputes that brought the rivals to the brink of all-out war earlier this year.

"The parties have agreed on all of the financial arrangements regarding oil, so that's done," Mbeki Tsion (AU) moderator Thabo Mbeki said early Saturday after talks in the United Nations capital.

The two countries had faced an August 2 deadline set by the United Nations to resolve their differences on oil and borders, and Mbeki said they would meet next month to try to find a compromise on the disputed region of Abyei.

Mbeki said a timetable would now be drawn up for the resumption of oil production and exports, which are vital to the economies of both deeply impoverished countries.

"When will remain, given that there is an agreement, is to then discuss the next steps as to when the oil companies should be induced to prepare for resumption of production and export," he said.

The AU has been mediating long-running talks in try to resolve a series of disputes that have flared since South Sudan became independent in July 2011 following a 2005 peace deal that ended one of Africa's longest civil wars.

Landlocked South Sudan took with it three-quarters of the oil held by the previously united nation, but the pipelines and processing facilities remained in Sudan.

And the two sides were unable to agree on how much John should pay in export fees running through a northern pipeline and port, leading the South to shut down production in January of its Khartoum began seizing the oil in lieu of payment.

Oil generates about 98 percent of South Sudan's revenue and the move crippled the economies of both countries.

Despite the oil agreement, South Sudan's chief negotiator Pagan Amum accused Khartoum of violating a peace plan drawn up by the African Union in April urging both sides to reach a comprehensive deal on all outstanding issues.

"The government of Sudan continues to violate the cessation of hostilities agreement to bomb South Sudan," Amum told reporters.

"The (AU) peace and security council in its road map and two

ARTIST'S concept depicts the moment that NASA's Curiosity rover touches down onto the Martian surface.

Rover heads for complex descent to Mars

PASADENA, California—By the time the robotic Mars laboratory dubbed Curiosity streaks into the thin Martian atmosphere at hypersonic speed on Sunday night, the spacecraft will be in charge of its own seven-minute final approach to the surface of the Red Planet.

With a 14-minute delay to the time it takes for radio waves from Earth to reach More 248 million km away, Nasa engineers will already have given Curiosity the last commands of its eight-month voyage through space.

At that point, the mission control team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) near Los Angeles will have little more to do than anxiously watch the spacecraft's progress—and wait.

Curiosity's fate will then hinge on the performance of its unprecedented descent system, a new self-guided flight system and a complex, seemingly far-fetched landing sequence that includes a giant parachute and a never-before-used, jet-powered "sky crane" that must descend to the right spot over the planet's surface, hover briefly in ground on a tether, cut the cords and fly away.

No wonder Nasa half-jokingly calls it "the seven minutes of terror."

"We are all just along for the ride," said JPL's Adam Steltzner, who is overseeing the entry, descent and landing phase of the spacecraft, formally known as the Mars Science Lab.

While a great deal of ground-breaking technology has gone into delivering the one-ton, six-wheeled rover to Mars, the threat of the $2.5 billion project is the two-year scientific mission that follows. If successful, Curiosity will be the most capable robotic explorer ever sent to the Red Planet.

Curiosity billed as the five full-fledged analytical laboratory on wheels ever sent to another world, is designed primarily to search for evidence that Mars may have once harbored conditions favorable to microbial life.

Sean, facing deep budget cuts in its science programs and struggling to regain prestige after the cancellation of its 30-year-old space shuttle program, has a lot riding on the landing.

"The agency depends on something good here," Neal Lemke for the Centenary program, John Grotzinger, told listeners.

"Ninety-eight percent of that happens by just landing and proving you can do this technological feat do from successfully."

Climbing that hostile landscape as Curiosity encased in a protective shell, pioneers the Martian atmosphere in roughly 20,921 kilometers per hour, 17 times the speed of sound on Earth.

The lag in radio transmissions between the two planets means that by the time NASA engineers receive an atmospheric entry signal from Curiosity, the spacecraft will already have landed—either intact or in pieces.

If all goes as planned, Nasa's team expects to receive another radio signal by just after 10:30 p.m. Pacific time (1:30 p.m. Monday in Manila), confirming that Curiosity has touched down safely in its target zone near the foot of a towering mountain at the floor of a vast impact crater named Gale Crater.

If no landing signal comes, it could take hours or days for scientists to learn if radio communications with the rover were merely disrupted or that it crashed or burned up during descent.

Mission directors said they were confident the rather unorthodox landing sequence devised by Curiosity will succeed.

"It looks a little crazy, but I promise you it's the least crazy of the methods you could use to land a rover the size of Curiosity on Mars, and we've become quite fond of it," Steltzner told reporters at a JPL briefing on Thursday.

Over time as large and five times heavier than either of the twin rovers Spirit and Opportunity that landed on Mars in 2004, Curiosity sought to make to bounce to the surface in airbags or fly itself to the ground with rocket thrusters, systems successfully used by its previous Mars landers.

Instead, rocket power will be used in combination with several other components during Curiosity's descent and landing.

Reuters

At half-price, Facebook found still a no bargain

WASHINGTON—Facebook shares have lost nearly half their value since a highly-touted public offering in May, but it's still not a bargain for some.

Facebook on the post week dropped below $20 a share for the first time since its $38 offering price in May. On Friday, the stock rebounded five percent to $21.09 but remains down a hefty 44.5 percent.

There is some fear that shares would take another hit in mid-August after the expiration of a "lockup," a 90-day period after the IPO during which insiders are barred from selling.

Michael Cameron of the financial website Minyanville says 268 million shares could come onto the market, in addition to the 421 million that are already floated. And more will become available later this year.

"The floated on the 268 million shares that hit in two weeks," he said. "Will there be enough buyers to satisfy the new supply?"

Cameron said analyst fell year earnings estimates on Facebook "are actually coming down" from 51 cents per share to 49 cents.

"Declining earnings estimates are usually a negative indicator for momentary stocks," he said.

Facebook underwhelmed the market in July when it reported its first earnings as a public company, barely meeting estimates for earnings per share and delivering disappointing revenue growth.

The results showed growth for Facebook in overall revenue, spiraling profits and the number of users—which increased to 955 million by the end of the quarter.

But the company indicated in a regulatory filing that as many as 83 million accounts may come from dubious sources—duplicate accounts, pages for pets and those designed to steal spam.

Trip Chowdhry at Global Equities Research, who has consistently said Facebook was overpriced, said the company may be a victim of its own success.

"Facebook's success is Facebook. Your parents are on Facebook. Your neighbors are on Facebook," he said.

"So what do people do? They create fake IDs or they go hang out somewhere else. People are reflecting their engagement on Facebook."

Chowdhry said it remains unclear if Facebook can "monetize" the current generation of users, or will be replaced by something else.

Additionally, he said there is "a lot of uncertainty" about the long-term advertising incident to sell, adding the stock is still not a bargain.

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HAS IT BEEN 50 YEARS? Actress Marilyn Monroe poses for a makeup test shot from her 1962 unreleased and unseen film her "Something's Got To Give." Hollywood will mark the 50th anniversary of the death of the iconic star on Aug. 5.

AFP/JMC

5 things you may not know about the red planet

PASADENA, California—Mars is set to get its latest visitor Sunday night when Nasa's new robotic rover, named Curiosity, attempts to land there. Mars has been a prime target for space exploration for decades, in part because its climate 3.5 billion years ago is believed to have been warm and wet, like early Earth. Here are five other key points:

• About the color: It's called the red planet because the landscape is stained rusty-red by the iron-rich dust.

• Quick weight loss: Its gravity is only 38 percent that of Earth. So if you weigh 68 kilograms (150 pounds) on Earth, you would weigh 26 kilograms (57 pounds) on Mars.

• Hot and cold: Mars' temperatures can range from 27 degrees Celsius (80 Fahrenheit) at its equator to -120 Celsius (-199 Fahrenheit) on its poles.

• The air is different: Mars' atmosphere is mostly carbon dioxide with traces of nitrogen and argon. Earth's atmosphere is a mixture of nitrogen, oxygen and other gases.

• Longer days: They last 40 minutes longer than a day on Earth.

AFP/JMC

Judge releases nun who broke into a US nuclear bomb facility

HIGHVILLE, Tennessee—A US magistrate judge on Friday ordered the release pending trial of an 82 year-old nun and another antinuclear activist charged with breaking security fences at one of the most sensitive US nuclear facilities, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where weapons-grade uranium is kept.

The unarmed Sullins' nun in embarrassment for the National Nuclear Security Administration, or NNSA, the Energy Department branch that operates US nuclear weapons plants, and for the International security firm G4S, which owns Wil Oak Ridge, the contractor responsible for protecting the facility.

G4S was also at the center of a dispute over security at the London Olympic Games.

DEFIANCE said the facility was that down on Wednesday at least one hour seven after protest activists Megan Rice, 82, Michael Walli, 63, and Greg Boertje-Obed, 57, cut through perimeter fences to reach the outer wall of a building where highly enriched uranium, a key nuclear bomb component, is stored.

The activists painted slogans and throw what they said were banners blood on the wall of the facility, one of numerous buildings in the facility known by the code name Y-12 that is also known as the Manhattan Project, which built the first atomic bombs during World War II, officials said.

At a hearing in Knoxville, Tennessee on Friday, assistant US Attorney Melissa Richey argued that all three should remain in custody. "This is a crime of violence," Richey said.

But US Magistrate Judge C. Clifford Shirley ruled the threat of violence was low and decided to release Rice. Reuters

Decline of entrepreneurship blamed for Japan woes

By Yuri Kageyama

TOKYO—Many can used to respond to its dwindling status, Japan Inc. is said to be quietly shedding off the world stage. But don't tell that to Kenji Hasegawa, who is ready to conquer the global auto market with his risky innovation, a hob that automatically peels and cuts potatoes into shoestring fries.

Hasegawa, who worked refrigerator-sized machines for big restaurant chains, is among a growing number of Japanese entrepreneurs who are betting on huge losses. The founder of young Japanese companies is slowly altered his dropped. And while Facebook lured hundreds of millions of members worldwide, manufacturers in Japanese natural network Mixi never looked to grow overseas.

The naysayers claim Japan is stagnating, only looking inward and squandering advantages such as its well-educated workforce, low crime rate and a rich history of technological prowess. But even while internalizing big challenges that include its sweltering-natural debt and rapidly aging population, Japan Inc.'s inventive say it can still rekindle the sparks of ingenuity that in the past delivered network-connecting mobile phones years before the arrival of smartphones, and made "Intel inside" part of the global diet for the last three decades.

Hint though, Japan must navigate that what sells it is at least partly in the mind.

"In order to have innovation, you must accept a certain amount of failure. In the Japanese, this has become taboo," said Williams Smith, a prolific technology investor who runs now a company that identifies up-and-coming innovators and tries to match them with investors.

Italo says conformist Japan frowns upon failure, and punishes those who take chances. Worse, Japan appears to be malfunctioning, when what is needed is action, bold-and others say from the rising yen, long cited as the death knell for an exporting economy such as Japan, should be rebranded as an advantage, delivering bigger purchasing power for Japanese companies abroad.

For some, Japan's revival can come from reinventing what it has long known best—manufacturing, but with innovative ideas.

As long as is not from both is, it may be powered to Japan's Hasegawa, the supplier, with. Much of machinery, including cars, ships and factory equipment, are bolts—united mainbeen of them. And so a bolt that doesn't require a nut is a big timesaver.

A nut-less bolt, based on the idea of a smaller hole within a bolt, is patented secret, is also significantly lighter than a regular bolt, delivering cost savings in fuel and raw materials and other perks like better mileage in a car.

Hasegawa is talking with a number of Japanese companies, including Okumatic Corp. and Toyota Shuttle Corp. He is looking into production outside Japan, perhaps Vietnam, he said.

Hasegawa says the key to Japan's revival lies in breakthroughs such as his that developed because of a legacy in Japanese values," which mediators as "making things," but is essential to craftsmanship.

Reynold's young business, Lotbook Inc., earned 900 million yen ($11 million) in annual sales taking a different but equally Japanese route as Hasegawa's.

She offers a service that stems from her diagnosis of the sickness as major company size—the loss of the innovative spirit.

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Syria Army moves on Aleppo, Damascus

ALEPPO, Syria—Syrian forces stormed the last rebel stronghold in the capital Damascus in tanks and armored vehicles on Friday and blasted artillery at rebels in Aleppo, where the United Nations said the Army was preparing a massive assault.

The violence came within hours of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan quitting as international peace envoy for Syria, underlining the impotence of mediation efforts in the 17-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad.

A senior UN official said a long-expected Army onslaught to take Aleppo, Syria's largest city and economic hub, was imminent following a buildup of army reinforcements. The fighting in Aleppo has focused on the Salaheddin district, seen as a gateway to the city for the Syrian Army.

Rebels poured into Aleppo in July after being largely driven from the capital, Damascus, where they had launched an offensive that coincided with a bomb blast that killed four top security officials. The fighting in Syria's two main cities has intensified the conflict—now the gore three weeks.

Rebels told Reuters journalists inside Aleppo on Friday that they had captured a large police station after days of clashes.

Rebel commander Abu Zaher said fighters had taken several police officers prisoner and seized weapons and ammunition.

Other rebels said heavy fighting was taking place in Salaheddin, the main battleground district, where they estimated 20 civilians had been killed. They say 50 of their fighters have been killed there in the last several days.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said "acts of brutality" reported in Aleppo could be crimes against humanity. Both sides have accused each other of carrying out summary executions of prisoners in the city.

UN member states voted overwhelmingly to condemn the Syrian government at a special session of the UN Human Rights Council, while Western diplomats said it highlighted the isolation of Assad supporters Russia and China.

Russia's UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin blasted the Saudi-drafted resolution, which condemned Damascus and called for a political transition, as "harmful" and said it "hides blatant support for (the armed) opposition." Russia and China were among the 12 nations that voted against the text, which received 133 yes votes and 31 abstentions.

DAMAGED buildings in Aleppo's district of Salah Eddine seen on Aug. 3 REUTERS

In the capital, fighters escaped encircled Damascus' southern district of Tadamon with dozens of tanks and armored vehicles in a push to win back the last rebel stronghold there, a witness and activists said.

Activists said most of the district was under the control of government forces by early Friday evening. The Army had been trying to enter Tadamon for more than a week but was pushed back by fierce resistance from the rebels.

An activist said the troops had executed several people after entering the district. The account could not be confirmed.

"Thousands of soldiers have invaded the neighborhood, they are conducting house-to-house raids," a resident, who did not want to be identified for security reasons, said by telephone.

The fighting spread to Aleppo from Damascus after the bomb attack on Assad's security headquarters in the capital on July 18, which killed four of the president's senior aides and encouraged rebels to step up hostilities.

The Syrian Army has reinforced its positions in and around Aleppo over the past few weeks, while conducting daily artillery and aerial bombardments of rebel forces in the city.

"The forces two weeks ago were on Damascus. The focus is now on Aleppo, where there has been a considerable buildup of military means, and where we have reason to believe that the main battle is about to start," Herve Ladsous, the undersecretary general for peacekeeping operations, said in New York.

Annan resigned on Thursday, complaining of "fingers pointing" at the United Nations while the bloodshed in Syria went on. His mission, renewed on a peace plan and a ceasefire that never took hold, had looked increasingly futile amid escalating violence. Reuters

Bread becomes a staple of Syrian rebel strategy

ALEPPO, Syria—Just before sunrise, a select group of Syrian rebel fighters step away from the frontline here for a task their commanders now consider as vital and urgent part of the war effort: baking bread.

The floppy loaves that they produce, pita to Americans, usually go quickly to hungry residents and rebels. Bread is a staple of the Syrian diet—it accompanies every meal—and in a city paralyzed by two weeks of war, the bakery lines show that basic commodity has become a battleground of its own.

"The regime has tried to deprive our supporters of water and gas, and now they are using bread," said Bashreer al-Hajeh, a member of Al Farooq Brigade, one of the main rebel militias in Aleppo. But he said the rebels had learned how to fight back against the government's attempts to bring bread and other resources out of opposition-controlled areas.

"We took control of the whole northeastern in Aleppo's suburbs," he said. "We have many of them, in several areas, and they might keep us supplied for months."

The struggle to keep bakeries operating is part of a much larger fight over the Syrian economy, especially in Aleppo, the country's commercial hub and its largest city. As the government's control has slid and its largest city in the government of President Bashar Assad tries to project an image of normalcy, dizzying reports of runaway inflation, rebels say they are finding new ways to attract support from the business class and siphon off government resources.

Hamid Dambos, a Lebanese economist who has worked extensively in Syria, said both sides were engaged in efforts to replace the precedent necessary with their own wartime alternatives.

"They are expanding a civil war that will take a long time and put have to sustain the daily life of the areas you are controlling," he said. "It's part of the game."

The government has a clear advantage. Its Central Bank reported foreign currency assets of about $17 billion, are much after the conflict started. According to an economic consultant in the capital, Damascus, the government now appears to be asking Russia for loans to continue propping up the economy. Many analysts also suspect that the Syrians have found a way to sell oil, despite sanctions from Europe.

But after 17 months of conflict, the opposition is becoming more and more creative. In Damascus, for example, activists say there are merchants that pretend to support Assad, only to funnel government-supplied cooking fuel, gasoline, bread and water to the other side.

"We ask them not to deliver," said Moaz, an opposition activist in Damascus. "They will be wounded later." Like others interviewed, he would not give his full name for fear of retribution.

Rebels are also managing to create supply chains that route around government-controlled areas with the help of private businesses. New York Times News Service

Taliban attack Afghan gov't buildings

KABUL, Afghanistan—The Taliban made a show of force across a province of northeastern Afghanistan on Friday, Afghan officials said, smashing dozens of government installations but causing relatively few deaths or injuries.

The insurgent forces struck at least six districts of Kunar province, attacking district governors' offices, police and Army outposts, and other government buildings.

"Our security forces defended their people with bravery," said Inteqabullah Wahidi, the provincial governor. "The enemy wanted to kill a lot of innocent people but they failed to achieve their goal and the casualties were very few."

Reports of casualties varied slightly, but local officials counted no more than four dead. Among them were an Afghan soldier who was killed in clashes, a woman and her 5-year-old girl who was killed when a mortar hit her house in the provincial capital of Asadabad.

The International Security Assistance Force's regional command for eastern Afghanistan said that the final six of eight Taliban were found after intense firefights with Afghan forces.

The attacks began around 1 a.m. and lasted until 8 a.m., local officials said, suggesting that the Taliban intentionally sought to limit civilian casualties in an effort to avoid alienating potential supporters among the local population.

In Nangarhar province, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, the insurgents managed to raze the governor's office in Dangam, where large numbers of Taliban were involved in the attack than in other districts. New York Times News Service

Tycoon Putin critic plans to sell assets

MOSCOW—Alexander V. Lebedev, a prominent banker and newspaper executive who has supported the political opposition, announced Friday that public and regulatory thresholds become so intense that he would sell all of his Russia-based assets.

"The special services intensified my businesses into the pavement," Lebedev told the Interfax news agency. "I give up."

If he followed (Sergei Ivanov) of Russian assets—he said it might be difficult to find buyers, given the economy—Lebedev will be joining a dozen or so other post-Soviet billionaires who lost fortunes or at least moved them out of Russia after public disputes with President Vladimir V. Putin. Lebedev had for years gotten away with lambasting the president in public, with humor and sponsorship of a dissident newspaper, perhaps because he is, like Putin, a veteran of the Soviet KGB with deep roots of his own in the Moscow political elite.

In one of several interviews with Russian and foreign media outlets in which he made the announcement Friday, Lebedev, 52, said he would reduce his exposure to Russian investments in "zero." Forbes magazine reported his net worth at $1.3 billion, though not all of it was invested in Russia.

Many of his businesses in fact now. His bank has repeatedly been targeted in a type of fraud police said on a business—known as a money shop, for the stacks worn by the police—something the billionaire financier had joked about in the past.

Adding he said the police had been telling him that they have "some order from above" to investigate his businesses and encourage him to leave the country while asking him about his political views.

"They worked on my personal life, my business partners and my political convictions," he said. "I'll admit: They were. It's impossible to conduct business, as they are everywhere."

Lebedev is the owner, together with the former Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, of the opposition newspaper Novaya Gazeta, where the investigative reporter Anna Politkovskaya worked until her murder in 2006. More recently, in February, he nominated the anti-corruption activist and blogger Alexei Navalny to the board of Aeroflot, the national airline, in which Lebedev has a stake. The move was a clear thumbing of his nose at government efforts to exclude him briefly.

Lebedev served as a lieutenant colonel in the KGB and was posted in Britain when the Soviet Union fell, a background seemingly at odds with financing a dissident newspaper and his pointed role in Moscow.

In a 2007 interview with The New York Times, Lebedev said the foreign intelligence officers of the KGB in the late Soviet period, including himself, generally formed a pessimistic notion in the Soviet establishment, owing to their firsthand knowledge of the gap with the West, and even prepared up for nuclear against hard-liners. Conversations have suggested that Lebedev's KGB past persisted late, and the financial flows to Novaya Gazeta, even as Putin targeted critical media freedom. New York Times News Service

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Anxious PH wait on eve of Barriga's second bout

A QUINELLA match with silver-defending Olympic champion Zou Shiming or the rapid-firing Yankiny Soto of Cuba awaits Mark Anthony Barriga if he wins his second-round bout. ...

By Ted S. Melendrez
Sports Editor

LONDON—Members of the tiny Philippine delegation were on pins and needles on a chilly Saturday afternoon here as light flyweight Mark Anthony Barriga prepared to climb the ring for his second-round fight with a Kazakh foe at Ore 30th London Olympics here.

Barriga, the 19-year-old dynamo from Bacolod, Negros del Norte, was out as the slight favorite over Bauhaus Dukpetra since years his senior, in the second of 16 fights in the 49-kilogram competition at the enormous elite Ubitt-owned ExCel Arena.

A win for the 5-foot fighter called Yarde Onepiece' by his peers will forged a quarterfinal match with either defending Olympic champion Zou Shiming or the rapid-firing Yadaney Soto of Cuba, with the victor already assured of a bronze medal.

Barriga entered confidence hours before his 1:30 p.m. (8:30 p.m. Manila time) clash with Dukpetra the only Kazakh who broke the boards at many a day away by the Slave Thames when he topped Wondimu Assety Beyo via a disputed 16-17 decision.

"Kinakabahan ako nung kalaban ko ang Cuban sa umpisa when I fought (his) Italian, pero ngayon wala akong kaba, at least konti lang (but I feel better now)," said the only Filipino to score a win and advance to the next round in three Games.

Timing his counterpunches to perfection and packing a solid left punch like his idol Manny Pacquiao, Barriga overwhelmed Italian Manuel Cappai, 17-7, in their first round clash last Tuesday, earning the tiny Philippine delegation here and sparking hopes among officials of finally ending the country's medal drought through two Olympians.

He had light breakfast of cereals and bread before heading back to a recent room next to the 191 delegation's quarters to rest before a brief shadow boxing session with coach Roel Velasco.

"Kinausap kami, sinasabing kumuha ako ng lakas (we talked, he told me to get strength)," said Sen Pirmen, executive secretary of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines.

Federer, Serena chase Olympic singles medal

LONDON—When Andy Murray Friday at Wimbledon began, neither Roger Federer nor Serena Williams had won a medal in singles at the Olympics.

Now they are both guaranteed of doing so. The only question is whether it will be gold or silver.

Federer, who has won Wimbledon seven times, reached his first Olympic final with a match worthy of the occasion rallying to defeat Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 19-17.

It was the longest best-of-three-set men's singles match of the open era, requiring 4 hours, 26 minutes to complete and a surplus of clutch serving, reflex ground strokes and patience to boot.

But in the end, as has more often been the case than not at the All England Club, Federer—who will face Britain's Andy Murray, a 7-5, 7-5 winner over Marin Cilic of Croatia in the second semifinal Friday—was the man who ended up offering the empathetic handshake and the consolatory hug to his opponent at the net.

"Look, I definitely got a sense that this was something special we were both going through with Juan Martin," Federer said. "We played so well into the match. It was more a thought, 'Wow, this is so cool to be part of a match like this.'"

It was quite a contemporaine in the sheer, hard-hitting story that followed on Centre Court as Williams, looking suspiciously like a woman on a mission, overwhelmed the world's No. 1 player, Victoria Azarenka, 6-1, 6-2, in little more than an hour.

She will now face Maria Sharapova, the US-based Russian, for the gold medal Saturday. Sharapova defeated Russian compatriot Maria Kirilenko, 6-2, 6-3, earlier in the day.

The numbers were there to foreshadow her dominance: 15 aces and no double faults, 79 percent of first serves in play, 53 total winners and just five unforced errors; all this on

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[illegible] and produced a particularly big challenge.

After winning Wimbledon last month, both she and Federer arrive in London with their first seamless runs to the Olympic semifinal Wimbledon.

But del Potro—one of the biggest and flattest hitters on the game—very nearly derailed the symmetry Friday.

Up a set, he dominated in break Federer's serve repeatedly in the second set before Federer finally took control of the tiebreak at 6-4. In the first-hour-43-minute third set, in which he served first, del Potro was within two points of victory on four occasions.

But Federer, moving and defending beautifully, kept conjuring (below) ground strokes off the baseline and the ball seemed, kept producing big serves when he absolutely had to have them.

This through guaranteed Federer had of in the first medal of the 2012 Olympics and at so lifted one of the last remaining holes in Federer's incomparable resume, guaranteeing him an Olympic singles medal to go with the gold medal he won in doubles in 2008 with Swiss partner Stanislas Wawrinka.

New York Times Service

SWEET DEFEAT: Andy's Roger Federer reaches for a return to Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro in their men's singles tennis semifinal match. AFP

No boxing tickets for top Abap officials

By Artemio T. Engracia Jr.

LONDON—The morning before Mark Anthony Barriga was to go to the ring against Kazakhstan's Serdar Chaliapov in the round of 16 of the London Olympics boxing competition, two officials of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines were among the many Filipinos scrambling for tickets to the ExCeL South Arena.

Wally Barga, president of Mayor-

kid Bikes Services and president of Abap, arrived with Pete Gregorio, secretary general of Abap, for Barriga's fight.

The problem: there were no tickets available for the sold-out boxing competitions. Manny Lopez, the Philippine Olympic delegation's chief of mission, was busy in the morning looking for tickets for them.

They were not the only ones who had wanted to go to the fight but had no tickets. Many officials, local residents and visitors alike, will have to watch the fight on television.

Among them is a representative from the south, who had requested the Philippine delegation through the Embassy here, to secure the tickets.

Crash in practice leaves Caluag bruised but okay

By Ted S. Melendres, Sports Editor

LONDON—Daniel Caluag himself said it's part of the hazards of the trade.

Zipping by at a speed exceeding 50 kilometers per hour on his aluminum frame bike, Caluag stumbled a turn as he hurtled off an eight-meter ramp and crashed shoulder-first onto the dirt.

Friday's crash left bruises on his shoulder and hand, forcing the 25-year-old Filipino-American to skip the rest of the practice runs in Running-hunt, the venue of the recent world championships where he qualified for the 2012 London Olympics.

"Our bruises, no broken bones luckily," Caluag told the reporters in his brushed back in the Athletes Village with his Mexican teammate Sergio Sanchez, also a BMX ace who also serves as his mechanic in these Games. "The last left the pedal as I landed, but I'm okay.

"There's nothing to worry about, really. That (spill) is normal in BMX (bicycle motocross)."

Caluag, son of Filipino physicians from Harbor City, California, is the only Asian in the starting field of 32 in one of cycling's toughest but most exhilarating events. He has been previously ranked as one of the Olympic race's dark horses by the International Cycling Federation, known by its French acronym UCI, for his fine results in the United States pro circuit, which he topped for four years.

Stephanie said he knew Daniel was alright when he got up after the spill, pulled up his bike and walked toward her smiling.

"He wouldn't smile if he was hurting," she said. "I knew that he was OK."

The culprit was Caluag's pedal wrap which unclipped before he cleared the ramp following a disastrous downhill run. On impact, he fell on his right side and slid several meters.

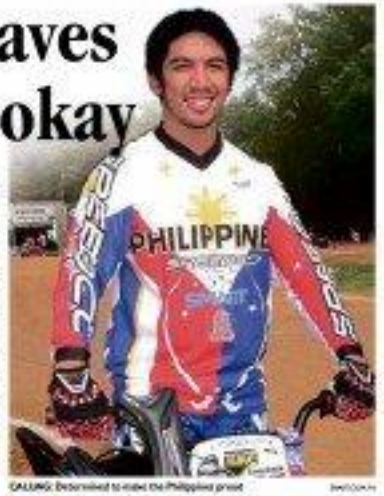
The only Filipino destined to have a fighting chance for a medal here, apart from Igle Oyanguit, boxers Mark Anthony Barriga, plunges into action on Aug. 8 in a flights technical 400-meter finals at Olympic Park in Stratford.

Caluag gets to see the track, said to have been copied and built to the same specifications by the American team in Chula Vista, California, on Monday.

"I have seen the course (at Olympic Park)," he said last week. "Every track is different. The one has 3-meter jumps; that's super tough. The tips are a little different. Once the tracks be entered in) but it should be a fun race."

Qualification in the semi-round seems to be a cinch for Caluag, who will race in one of the four heats of eight riders with the top four advancing to the run-heat semi-round. The top three from each heat then advance to the final medal race.

"Being the only Asian in the field makes me feel special," said Caluag, who is taking up training at Lindsey College in California with Stephanie and expects to graduate in 2014.



CALUAG: Determined to make the Philippines proud

Torres eyes slot in long jump finals

By Ted S. Melendres

LONDON—Unlike swimmers Jasmine Alkhaldi and Josie Khing Lorenzo, long jumper Marestella Torres will be gunning for a berth in the semifinals when her event flies off on Tuesday at the Main Olympic Stadium here.

The 32-year-old Torres is coming off several excellent leaps as she prepared for her second Olympics, landing a 6.62-meter leap at the Rotehaer Memorial Championships in July.

Her national record of 6.71m is still within the qualifying standard for the long jump semifinals, based on the person of best marks of the entries.

"I needed 6.70 or 6.71 in the last 12," said Torres. "If everything turns out right, I will also try to improve my national record."

Torres' fighting stance stems from that of Michaela and Lorenzo, who competed with only the 7th-round as targets.

Perhaps because of the oversight of appointees, Alkhaldi was told by coach Philip Brown to just "go out there and have fun," according to delegation press attaché Joe Antonio.

Anxious PH

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Pinoys said Abap president Ricky Vargas and secretary general Patrick Gregorio arrived Friday to join Barriga's parents, Sheilla and Ed, in rooting for the fighter at ringside. The Barriga couple were there here from Davao by Olympic sponsor Procter & Gamble.

Barriga and Oyanguit greeted each other at the Athletes Village some hall Saturday. As he made his way to the exit, the Filipino bumped into Caipini and the two smiled at each other.

The only other Filipino medal hope here, BMX rider Daniel Caluag, also expressed confidence to compete despite sustaining bruises in a crash while practicing in Birmingham Friday afternoon (See related story above).

The All-Am Caluag landed on his shoulder after his pedal wrap unclipped as he hurtled down an eight-meter ramp at the same track which hosted the recent world championships.

The 25-year-old Caluag finally gets to compete in the new 400-meter Olympic track on Monday along with his rival rivals from Great Britain and the United States.

Only Barriga, Caluag, Marestella Torres and 1,000-meter runner Jesse Llenares are still in contention from among the original 11-athlete national roster.

Torres, the former Asian long jump queen who made her Olympic debut in Beijing 2008, attempts to barge into the semifinals at the Main Olympic Stadium on Tuesday. A flop in Beijing, where she failed to clear 6.20 meters, she hopes to surpass her 6.71m PB record and make the second round.

Runners will not see action until the eve of the Closing Ceremonies when he attains qualify for the semifinals of an event that is admittedly not his specialty. Llenares is Southeast Asia's 3,000m steeplechase record, having raked the event four consecutive times.

Forked tongues and smiling lips at the Olympics

SACRAMENTO—Ranged against the world's best, Mark Anthony Barriga, a whirlwind of a fighter from Pandan, near Davao City, is making inroads. He zapped his Libya foundee on barge into the round of 16 in the light flyweight category of the Olympics boxing matches.

Although Barriga qualified for London via the backdoor at the world championship in Azerbaijan earlier this year, he earned his spurs through various international meets.

Contrary to the hope of President Aquino, who wants to use less about sports as a bridge for nation building, surprises have no place at the Games.

Television by wild card and last minute training won't cut it.

As the commercial for a television variation company says, you can't wish yourself into the podium. You need hard work and discipline, which is not enough to dream about it. You have to work for it.

While our athletes earning into tourists after bowing to easily superior rivals, our London delegation benches are eating cows.

SOUTHPAW

Percy D. Dello

Before flying to London, they declared with a straight face that with luck, all members of the team Philippines were no medal contenders.

These included the alleged sure-fire medal prospects, such as the coaches and cranky men in those classic Westerns of old.

As a Native American would intone in those movies: Hol chief speak the truth. White men speak with forked tongues.

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At London's Heathrow Airport where he witnessed the exuberant stiff British upper lip curl into a smile...the eminent sports writer Bill Dwyre declared in the Los Angeles Times:

"Where and three feels funny. You know for a handgun and you get a telly beat. It's like New York becoming Nashville overnight."

Self-attention has always been part of Senor Bernie's cultural DNA.

But in time for the Olympic Games that the empire is currently hosting, that self-upper by the Brits are known for to suppress emotions in times of adversity or extreme duress evaporated in London's summer drizzles and turned coals fickle-weather.

The airport scene described by Dwyer in which affable London Olympians volunteers "to courage and purple exhibited" with a helping hand over a person in a cope to be evacuated at the Games venues as the British live with a 17-day world invasion that games as athletic competition.

Even the legendary British observance is taking a backseat to the vibes of the Olympics.

Not Shaping the Queen, allowed herself into a cheddar to arrive at the Olympic Stadium by jumping on a parachute with James Bond in Danny Boyle's tumultuously inventive opening ceremonies.

And London's most lovable places have swung their doors wide for the Olympics.

Recently-fled streets are spiking in the middle of the Horse Guards Parade transformed into the Games' beach volleyball court. The hallowed cricket ground takes its name from the horse soldiers who have provided protection for English monarchs at Buckingham Palace since 1660.

Equestrian's dressage and jumping events are being held in Greenwich Park, from the world-class view Greenwich Mean Time goes back to the times solar time at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

The Tower of London, server as the temporary home of NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. The network announcer dishes out the world's current events from there. Meanwhile, NBC Sports, criticized for delayed coverage and lame commentary, relocates the Games for prime time viewing in North America and the rest of the world.

The Tower has witnessed many great events in British history. Many will recount the execution of two of his six wives at the Tower.

PH teams ready to do battle in Istanbul Chess Olympiad

READY and confident.

That's how the Philippine men's team, headed by Grandmaster Wesley So and Eugene Torre, described itself on the eve of the onset of the 40th World Chess Olympiad on Aug. 27 in Izmir, Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey.

"It's a young but talented team. The experience of Torre will be a big help," said National Chess Federation of the Philippines president Ferdinand "Butch" Wolor A.

"I like our chances in this Olympiad," said Tripoli'ay Lily Mercon said "FCDP secretary-general Atty. Aldrin "Rambo" Tolentino Jr., who predicted that the team's score will better its fifth-place finish in the 2010 Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

So, the country's highest-rated player with an Elo of 2692, will skate the top board, followed by GM Oliver Barbosa (Elo 2574) on board two, Torre (2460) on board three, IM Mark Bergas (2506) on board four and International Master Oliver Dimakiling (2420) on board five.

After seeing action at the women's squad made up of Catherine Perena, Baby Rose Jean and Janelle Mae Frayna, Jedara Jocoma and Jan Jedilyn Doria.

"The women's team is also ready to do battle and I believe we do 4-4th place finish," said FCDP executive director IM Jayson Gonzales, who accompanied the players when they paraded in front of Rizal Park Friday.

Sportsman Sportsman Daniel "Caddy Boy" Pamintuan of Bataan, Makati City, will face the teams' semifinal today in a Chinese restaurant in Quezon City.

FCDP executive director Jayson Gonzales (left) with IM Oliver Dimakiling and GMs Eugene Torre, Wesley So and Mark Paragua.

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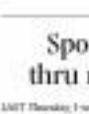

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

LAST Thursday, I went to the Erik Spoelstra press conference at the Marriott Hotel near West Townsend with no inquiry as to how and once because with the notion to ACD property.

In hindsight, I could and I should have listened to the small voice that counseled me to skip the press conference and just stay home. The little voice cautioned me that the venue was too far from my Quezon City residence and the weather was not conducive for a distant travel. It had been raining heavily the past days. Flooding seemed even in Metro Manila.

But I had promised my assistant editor Nonette to do less than I would go. It only to show with him a bigger incline of the 15-minute interview that had been allotted to our number. That's what the rule dictated. I packed up my bag, notebook and pen and headed for QC.

Unfortunately, my driver was not familiar with this route going to Nova Terminal 3, he rerouted the highway and had to turn around to get to this road that we missed. By the time we got to Tomball, the (clearly) 30-minute press conference with Spoelstra was over. Although I was just in time for the one-on-one interview, according to Frances who arrived at the appointed time.

The one-on-one turned out to be a group interview. Before I could even open my mouth to ask my first question, in comes this girl from ESPN Asia introducing "Lyle Spoelstra" and then we were directed on to make way for the appointment group.

I went home dazed with hypoglycemic and only a single dot on my notebook.

The day before, that same little voice was nagging me to go to the Spoelstra presser. Someone, whose figurines was scheduled to make an appearance. A veteran colleague said I should have followed my instinct because the champion Miami Heat coach had watched Game 6 from court to finish.

My colleagues said he also had the chance to speak with Erik Spoelstra in the hallway when they took time out for a 45-minute coffee break at the Atrium inside the theatre with no less than Jorge Antonio.

At this point I had given up all hope of being able to write a truly insightful column about the first NBA coach with Filipino blood whose career I had followed since he started as coach of the Philippine Eliminator years ago.

But I was in for a surprise when my son Raymond, who is an assistant coach at UMass, called yesterday to brag that his team, without its four key players, had won over the Chinese Taipei national team here in Manila for tune-up games in preparation for the London Games.

He also casually mentioned that he got to conduct what he called The Culture of Champions, or, its Executive Coaching Session with Spoelstra whose selected personnel and coaches of the MVP group of companies and teams had been invited.

He spoke about a wide range of very interesting, substantive things," Raymond said. "Like how he had wanted to be a PBA player, although this dream never materialized. He said he almost signed up for Talk 'N Text. Erik also talked about the reaction he got when he was first appointed head coach of Miami (Heat, he said Heat supporters were not happy with the coach overnight—what he was once young, young as inexperienced. He said Shaq he only looked average because of the Filipino genes."

Talk managed to steer the Heat to the championship, but when he failed to win the title, he (or was blamed) by just about everybody. Especially on social media. He said he was told, 'You said it was written about everyday, broadcast on television and radio 24/7. He said it came to a point where he no longer read the papers and watch TV, especially ESPN."

In how did he pick up the pieces, I asked.

"Well, he said he considered the experts—psychologists, self-appointed ones, not only of basketball but other sports. Then he shredded the mail of LeBron James, Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh. From there on he said there would only be His Miami Heat team. So Big There, so Small (:)). The consensual commitment for this season was done with the players and the coaching staff agreeing their names to gold over a trophy emitted in black.

One lady who asked Erik why he didn't have a girlfriend got that answer. "Who said I didn't have a girlfriend?" Then he laughed. He said that the lack of a girlfriend contributed to the championship. He said he simply had no time for his personalities."

Tigers down Archers; Eagles grab lead

UST'S Karim Abdul (right) barrels into De La Salle's Thomas Torres.

By Jasmine N. Payo

UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas topped La Salle in double-overtime even as Ateneo respectively surged to the lead after its coach picked up a career-best win No. 300 yesterday at Mall of Asia Arena.

Alyn Sta Ana carried the Tigers in every crucial clutch in 68 UST past La Salle 79-73, while the defending champion Blue Eagles held the scare from University of the East Warriors, 65-51, and moved on top of the UAAP hotel bill tournament.

The Blue Eagles' fifth triumph in six games put coach Norman Black—who turned in "99, 100 percent" while playing in an injured in the PBA—his 300th win in eight seasons with Ateneo.

"It's pretty good accomplishment but I'd rather have the championship. Our goal," said Black, who now holds a remarkable 300-200 win-loss career record with the four-time champions.

Mariano knotted in all of Tigers' four points in the second overtime, including the game-winning jumper from the left corner with 7.1 seconds left.

The 6-foot-3 forward also bagged the Final conversion: 71-71, by nailing a tough underpaced shot with 9.7 to be remaining, then later scored all but two of the Tigers' nine points in the four extension that ended at 80-all.

"The attitude that I really taught our players was to never give up," said coach Pe... the lessons to offer but Tigers doubted to take charge to 5-1.

Mariano—proving to be the season's revelation for the Tigers—only scored two points in the last three-quarters before breaking with 25 markers.

Karim Abdul also came out huge in the endgame, blocking two La Salle shots in the closing seconds, the last on Fatino Andrei... with contempt to secure the game.

The Quintessentials center wound up with 16 points and 16 rebounds.

Pushing the Tigers' frenzy-tied star Clark Bautista, who unloaded 15 of his game-high 21 markers from three-point range built on a 7-of-11 clip from the field.

Ian Bonifacio, who drew in Sable with 19 points, could have won the game for the Archers in regulation, but of Hinds acted that his floater failed to leave the hoop.

The Scores
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UST (68)... Fatino 14, Antonio 10, Mariano 10, Tang 6, Bautista 5, Arellano 5, Ababa 5, Ilao 5, Ilao 5, Sta Ana 5, Torres 5, Abdul 5, Bonifacio 5, Hinds

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By Mvaong B. Castillo

THIS SERIES has seen everything except a winner.

After all the injuries, the great and not-so-great games and the drama on and off the floor, Rain or Shine and B-Meg go at it again one last time today to determine the PBA Governors Cup champion at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

The rubber match of the best-of-seven series is set at 6 p.m. and rosters from both squads talked in contrasting manners to approaching the game.

"The good thing about it is that we had two games to correct our mistakes," Rain or Shine's Yeng Guiao told media Friday night after taking a second straight loss that allowed B-Meg to tie it at 2-2.

"Not me, it's just another game, it's just another chance to win a championship," he said, appearing the calmest he has ever been in three title playoffs even after losing crack guard Ryal Lee, the biggest reason why his Elasto Painters are here, to injury late in Game 2.

Guiao said that they would not risk Lee even for tonight, although the 6-foot Bookie of the Year, who suffered a dislocated shoulder, had already practiced with the squad as early as the night before Game 6.

Tim Cone, on the other hand, has put all emphasis and importance to the coming match, putting pressure on himself and everyone else in the team by saying that everything will go to naught if they lose.

"We might as well have lost the last two games if we don't win on Sunday [today]," Cone said. "That's the big one."

The Llamados are trying to become the first team since the 1993 Ginebra San Miguel team in the Fruit Juice-era against Shell to complete a comeback from 1-3 down and take a best-of-seven title series.

CHAMPS THE ICTSI-The Country Club team (from left) Dottie Ardina, Lorelyn Goingco, Princess Superal, Sarah Abalos, Cyna Rodriguez and Jayvin Agbayani-showing the Howell State Trophy title of the Women's Town National Golf Championship for the third straight year in Columbia, South Carolina.

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NIELSEN STUDY FINDS SHOPPERS EVOLVING

Pinoys going to shops more but buying less

FILIPINOS, in general, make it a habit to prepare shopping lists, but are also less likely to stick to them.

By Dexter L. Lucas

FILIPINOS' shopping habits are changing, especially when it comes to their regular trips to their favorite groceries.

That much was clear in the latest study released by international market research firm Nielsen, which found that Filipinos have been making more trips to the grocery, but buying less per trip.

At the same time, the agency's latest Philippines Shopper Trends Report also found that Filipinos, in general, make it a habit to prepare shopping lists, but are also less likely to stick to them.

The report found that nine in 10 Filipino shoppers prepare a shopping list but most are not likely to stick to it.

Despite strict budgets and self-imposed shopping rules, almost seven in 10 shoppers do not stick to their shopping plans, meaning shoppers are still very open to impulse purchases.

"Manufacturers and retailers should be looking to implement store offers and promotions which connect with shoppers in order to generate increased sales," Nielsen Philippines managing director Hazel Anastacio, says in a statement.

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Do you have what it takes?

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

IN THE documentary film chronicling her journey to superstardom, performer Kitty Berry advises her fans: "Believe in yourself and you can be anything."

However, if sheer essence of emotion and love taught us anything, it's that self-belief is not sufficient for success. At the beginning of each season of Idol, countless auditions in front of the judges, and some are dreadfully tone-deaf and off key.

Astonishingly, despite their obvious lack of talent, these unsuccessfully challenged contestants truly believe they are destined for celebrity. In fact, they're genuinely shocked when the judges candidly provide them with negative feedback before dismissing them from the set.

Certainly, as many passersby in the leadership journey, you must be supremely self-assured to pursue it toward triumph. Admittedly, this whole self-confidence factor into a person's success in life, a number of other qualities come into play as well. Here are six questions to ask yourself to gauge whether or not you have what it takes to reach the pinnacle of your profession.

1) Does your dream align with your natural abilities?

Olympic sprinters spend countless hours learning how to accelerate out of the starting blocks and to perfect their stride. With years of practice, they're able to shave off gracious fractions of a second off of the time it takes them to complete a race. However, in actuality, every world-class sprinter began his or her athletic career with loads of inherent ability.

Absent of God-given talent, the average person, even after years of disciplined training, could not hope to keep pace with these elite runners.

In my experience, a person can only improve about one or two notches above their natural talent level in a given area. For example, if on a scale of 1 to 10 you happen to be a "3" as a singer, then taking voice lessons and music appreciation courses may lift you to a "4." If you're especially diligent in studying how to sing, you may even improve to a "5." Even so, you've only improved from bad to average and people don't pay to hear an average singer. The formula for success is to build your current natural skills to reach your ultimate "9" or an "8" and to spend your time performing them.

Food for thought: In what ways are you naturally gifted? That is, in what areas are you already a "7" or an "8"?

2) Can you handle stress?

A stress fracture occurs in the body, not from a single injury, but from repeatedly putting too much weight on a bone. It's like tension; tension do not generally break down from an inability to handle a particularly busy stretch on the job. Rather, they crash as a result of taking on the stresses of week after week after week without finding healthy release valves for the pressure. They lie the demands of the office crowd out the joys of relationships with loved ones. Or they allow the incessant clamor of business to drown out those inner experiencing the beauty of nature or the healthful rush of exercise. Eventually, the repeated storms of work pressure run much, and they suffer a broken relationship, physical illness, or burnout.

Food for thought: Whatever are in your life does the most to fill your spirits? How often do you spend time with him or her? Which outdoor recreational activity does the most to replenish your energy? How often do you get to participate in the activity?

3) Are you comfortable with risk?

I think it's unfortunate that risk taking has taken on the connotation of gambling or recklessness. Many times inaction, rather than action, is the most dangerous path. With a doubt, believe to innovate and adjust spells certain doom in today's fast-paced world of evolving technologies.

Experience has shown me that taking risks has specific advantages. First, you learn things faster than the people who don't take risks. Second, you have a broader range of experiences than those who stay safely within their comfort zones. Third, you bump into abundance more than the people who play it safe, and fourth, you learn to improvise in order to get around those obstacles. Risk-takers are not smarter than the other guys; they just fail faster and get their values more soon-quickly.

Food for thought: Which risks have you taken in recent years? What have you learned from taking them?

4) Do you have strong people skills?

One ability to build and maintain healthy relationships largely determines our enjoyment of life. Indeed, we usually can trace our successes and failures to our relationships. Consequently, getting along with people is a priority. It is precondition for effective leadership.

Leaders build human relationships in four stages. At the first level, people themselves, understanding when others need only a leader in building with ones. In the second level, service skills—a leader's ability to attend to people's needs proactively—expand a leader's influence. At the third level of business relationships, a leader's reputation attracts connections. In this stage, a leader's track record for treating others honestly and with respect pays significant dividends. Finally, at the fourth level, personal friendship with fellow influencers paves the way for tremendous synergies and opportunities for partnership.

Food for thought: What processes people from being aware of the other they have on others?

5) Are you creative in problem-solving?

A creative leader actually enjoys not knowing it all. Such a person realizes that though we seldom have all the answers, we always have the ability to generate solutions to whatever difficulties we encounter. In today's problems are unavoidable. However, the attitude a leader brings to those problems is optional. Creative leaders search for opportunities within the obstacles they face, instead of complaining about challenges, they welcome them as catalysts for growth.

Food for thought: Can a person intentionally become more creative? If so, how? If not, why?

6) Are you competitive?

If you always chose basketball partners with a challenge, then you'll never make it to the top. To develop up an inflexible, you must revel in the chance to your strength so supposed in shrinking from challenges. Mostly, competitors don't afraid respectfully relentless and losers, but sharpening the skills of all competitors.

I like how Paul Lee Tan's describes the benefits of competition:

"The competitors do more for me than my friends do. My friends are too polite to point out my weaknesses, but my competitors point great capacities to advertise them. My competitors are effective, diligent and attentive. They know me so much better than to improve my technique and my service. My competitors would take my customers away from me if they could. This keeps me alert to hold what I have. If I had no competitors, I might become complacent and contentious. I need their discipline: they force up on me."

Food for thought: In what point does competition become destructive rather than productive?

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Community arcades do good business in Dagupan

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—Community arcades are beginning to flourish as alternative shopping and entertainment venues in this coastal city, despite the presence of huntercentric malls and a mall chain brought to its neighboring town.

The arcades, which sprouted in unlikely sections of the city's business district, have been attracting people in a hurry and those wanting to unwind after office hours. They have restaurants and fast food joints, coffee shops, gyms, spas, computer stores and other services and goods.

Mayor Benjamin Lim says the success of the arcades may be attributed to the people's changing lifestyles.

"People were basically looking for a clean night life, where they can go to a decent place where they can eat with their family, where they can celebrate occasions in a place where they feel that it's convenient," Lim says.

Aside from this, he says, shoppers now want to travel less to buy what they need. Yet, while also modernized, convenience is the key and here time consumed to do things a paramount."

Arcades provide a shopping environment different from a traditional mall, according to Howard Chua Chuan, who built in 2006 the Arcade Pacific Center, the first community arcade here.

"This is a place where you do what you want to do then you go. Unlike in a traditional mall which is designed ... [to] bring people in and then try to keep them inside by the longest possible time," Chua Chuan says.

This is the reason why inside a mall, clocks are not displayed, promotions so people would lose track of time and keep on consuming, he says.

"But in a community arcade, the environment is different because you can see the sky, you know what time it is. You can keep track of time and you can do other things outside here," Chua Chuan says.

"We can also go outside, walk around the wide open space and enjoy the breeze. You can bring along your pets, which are not allowed in air-conditioned malls," he says.

Local patronage

But the businessmen says getting people to shop or dine in arcades did not happen overnight.

"It was very difficult to attract tenants in the beginning," says Chua Chuan, an architecture graduate from the University of the Philippines. "This must be because people tend to be skeptical with things that are new and things that are different."

Unlike giant mall chains SM and Robinsons, which are already established, Chua Chuan says he was just starting.

And his initial difficulties may have something to do with his arcade's location. It was built in this city's business section where no one would have expected it to be there.

The two-story Orient Pacific is located on a four (four) 1,000 square-meter corner lot, where a two-story kindergarten school building used to stand between a hospital and a church. It looks odd enough in a row of mobile phone dealers and banks, although its colorful structure and design is a welcome sight.

Chua Chuan says he waited two years for people to patronize it and make it profitable.

Despite the challenges and the "people business environment" in the city, he entered in 2010 a second community arcade, the Eastgate Plaza. Its location was originally a family-owned 3,000 square-meter sawmill and lumber yard by the Bantayan source section of the city's eastern boundaries.

Two other arcades, the Star Green Plaza inside owned by another local businessman, and the Metro Plaza, which was built on a city government property, opened for business in 2011.

Tourism complement

Lim says community arcades were ideas he wanted all along to be established to complement the city government's tourism programs.

"Through the years that I've been the mayor, I have often been told by visitors that there's not much place to go in Dagupan," Lim says.

Before he launched the city's first resort last year, the mayor says it was only the beaches in nearby San Fabian drawing tourists. But even the number of beach-goers has been dwindling every year, he says, because of some problems in the area.

"We really need to do a lot of work there. The city dump is there and the odor stinks. [Residents] are difficult to manage. It's not the beach that we would like number. We should have a beach that we can be proud of," he says.

Lim says arcades from part of the amenities that people usually look for.

"You can, when we go to Cebu, Baguio, Davao or Boracay, we usually look for a place to go after a day's work," he says.

Aside from filling in what was once a void, Lim says the arcades provide the people's new lifestyle. Chua Chuan says community arcades also enhance a city's landscape.

"In building community arcades, as much as possible, we retain the charm or the natural look of the city and we try to enhance it," he says.

"There's a movement in architecture called urban renewal. And building arcades is one of the ways of contribution to this movement. We actually help beautify our community," he adds.

HOWARD Chua Chuan

THE ORIENT Pacific Center, the first community arcade in Dagupan

Pinoys going to shops more but buying less

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It also finds that Filipino shoppers have a high degree of loyalty toward both retailers and brands.

Only seven percent of Filipinos are likely to change the store they shop in based on promotional offerings and just nine percent regularly buy different brands due to interesting.

Nielsen's Shopper Trends Survey is an annual study of consumer shopping behavior that was conducted in urban locations nationwide. The study was held between October 8 and November 22, 2011, and interviewed at least 1,500 respondents aged 15-60 years old who were both main grocery buyers and buy call services.

The report also highlighted the changing dynamics of food shopping, with possibly brought about by the growing number of groceries around the country, as well as the changing demographics and economic conditions of the nation.

Retailing to the study Filipino shoppers are increasing the frequency with which they visit the grocery store, 46 percent shopping for groceries on a weekly basis, up considering a 13-percentage point increase from last year.

The average frequency of grocery shopping trips increased to 3.6 trips per month in 2011, up from 3.2 in 2010.

"Following a high gross domestic product growth in 2010 due to the election, the Philippines economy slowed during 2011," Jamieson says.

"The impact of the global economic crisis coupled with natural disasters both typhoons and earthquakes the country caused consumers to be more cautious with their spending, and this is evidenced in the move to more frequent shopping visits but smaller basket sizes," he adds.

Filipinos also increased the frequency of their top-up shopping trips an average of 4.6 per month in 2011 is almost three times per month in 2011.

"Consumers are decreasing their basket size in order to manage their available cash, shopping only as the need arises," he points out.

Within the stores, 30 percent of Filipino shoppers say they actively search for promotions when grocery shopping, while 46 percent say they only purchase items on promotion if it is a brand they like.

"This behavior illustrates Filipino shoppers' loyalty to brands they have tried and tested, however, it also demonstrates price awareness as they are receptive to promotional engagement," Jamieson says.

With rising awareness and volatility of environmental issues, nine in 10 Filipino shoppers claimed to make an effort to buy products that are friendly for the environment.

In value, however, this effort does not always translate into actual purchases, with only 27 percent of shoppers saying that they purchase more at the same number of environmentally friendly products in 2011 compared to the previous year.

Some 44 percent of polled shoppers say they did not purchase any environmentally friendly products.

"Price remains a barrier for 10 Filipinos to adopt environmentally friendly purchasing habits. Manufacturers must encourage shopper adoption in order to encourage shoppers to purchase environmentally friendly products."

How to earn extra shopping money

EILEENDA DE GUZMAN calls her retired parents in the US once a week for harmless chats. She doesn't mind spending to make the international call because it is for her family.

Eric Reyes a from Bukidnon and pursuing his college degree in Manila. Being away from his family is tough but he's glad there's a convenient way to keep in touch.

Going to the Filipinos' practical trait of getting value for their money they are constantly in search of the best way to communicate with their loved ones inexpensively yet without sacrificing clarity of connection.

For Erlinda, the sure bet PLDT Budget Card, a prepaid card for calling to overseas destinations at affordable rates. As it runs of PLDT per minute, she gets to talk to her daughter on hour with just a P140 PLDT Budget Card.

Eric calls his family in Bukidnon using PLDT Touch Card, a prepaid card for national long distance calls with an affordable P1 per minute rate. P100 plus, he's connected nationwide and can always know that he's safe and coping well with his studies.

In a digital era where people are glued to their computers or connect with their relatives and friends via social network, a significant number of Filipino families still communicate with their loved ones the traditional way—via landline.

"While we recognize the convenience of communicating via SMS, we believe that there is still room for the more intimate and heartfelt landline conversations. That is why we try to offer alternative options that are more affordable such as PLDT Cards," says Edelisa T. Lim, AVP for Home Marketing.

"The instant connection that PLDT Cards

offer is the ideal solution for today's digital-based communications. With SMS, you are regularly updated on your loved one's status, but with PLDT Cards, you get the full picture – what he's down to the finished surprised," Jeff Ignacio, Product Specialist for PLDT Cards says.

In addition to keeping in touch with their loved ones, friends and free board a way to earn shopping rewards from their monthly communication expenses using PLDT Cards.

PLDT recently rolled out a loyalty program that allows users of PLDT Budget Card, PLDT Touch Card and PLDT Load Card to get their gift certificates by earning their used PLDT Cards.

Subscribers can redeem all their used PLDT Cards with expiration date of December 2011 onwards. They can exchange the used cards worth P500 for a P50 Robinsons Gift Certificate in any SM Gift Pass Redemption Center in 2012 Inspiration Stores.

Redemption starts from July to November 2012 this year.

Mud pie venture idea of a four-year-old

By Cris Evert B. Lito
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—When her son Leonard Fredric baked his first mud pie at the age of four, Giselle Bohol had no idea that it will be a start of a business venture that would bond the family more.

Now Llew's Mud Pies on Don Ramon Aboitiz Street here has been the favorite hangout of young and old alike mainly because of its mud pies—a dessert made with chocolate cookie crust, ice cream filling and topped with chocolate syrup.

The dessert store is named after the nickname of Llenard, now eight years old and a grade three pupil of Cebu Learning Center.

The concept of the mud pie started four years ago when Llenard was an energetic four-year-old boy who attended two to five summer classes.

"The classes that he attended were varied: arts, baking, enhancement of academic skills. When he baked the mud pie in his class, I was impressed as I tasted it and had relatives savor them. Then, the entrepreneur in," says Giselle, a psychologist by profession.

Bothered by the mud pies Bonded than Giselle and husband Fredric decided to look for space to open a store.

Fredric found a small space near the Theresa's College on Don Ramon Aboitiz St. in early 2009. They initially invested P500,000 and later swelled to the present deposit.

In December 2010, Llew's Mud Pies officially opened.

Giselle admits that opening a dessert store was unrehearsed because she had wanted to just tap homebound.

"I love children. That's why I wanted a preschool. But the targeted (by the time the business) is expensive and we cannot find space," she tells Business Biz.

She might not have built a preschool but Llew's Mud Pies made her closer to her two sons Llenard and Fryeder Bastien and the children who frequent the store.

"One mother told me that this is a nice concept because when you start a business with children as clients, you are already bringing the customers by," notes Giselle.

Mud pies and smores are the store's best-sellers. Mud pies are sold at P58 each while smores are sold at P55.

"Smores is made of toasted marshmallow and chocolate syrup sandwiched between two graham crackers. They can be served warm and frozen."

Giselle says the store also serves dishes such as chocolate-baked rice (with tuna or sausage), Cha Gih Fillet (is olive oil or black bean sauce), lechon kawali and chicken sauteed among others.

Giselle says they decided to keep the prices affordable especially that the store is near a school. Frequent visitors of the store are students, doctors and even grandparents.

Helping Giselle in running the store are three full-time staff. Her support system includes her husband, Fredric, a clinical psychologist based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and two aunts.

With Cheu, she develops and experiments new dishes and desserts.

Giselle has been working in the human resource department of a bank for 10 years.

As the one responsible for developing and experimenting new products, Giselle says the store gets bored easy at times but the support of her family keeps her going.

When people ask her about the store's chef, Giselle says she used to say "We have someone kind of cooking. I cannot tell you."

In truth, she was a bit hesitated with the question because the store does not have a school-trained chef.

"But my husband told me that it pays to share than even those who are not trained in school can. So, I became secure to do the research on our own," says Giselle.

For summer, the best-selling smores was developed when she was searching Barney.

"When I heard it, my husband told me not to expect too much about it. Today, it's the only frozen dessert that sells like hotcakes," she says.

Llenard also helps his mother by researching on his own and suggesting it to Giselle. Lately, in fact, tells Llenard if the recipe is likeable.

One of Llenard's idea is a white chocolate-filled pasta as the second variation to the dark chocolate-filled pasta.

As with any aspect of life, Giselle says everything is about hardwork and loving what you do.

In her case, she loves cooking. She likes to experiment with different ingredients, have people taste her creations and ask them if they like it.

There have been several inquiries about putting the store up for franchise. She already gave a nod of approval for a cousin to operate one franchise but is still hesitant about opening it to other people.

"My idea was to operate a small store so I can attend to it every day because with franchises, I am very hands on," she says.

Running the store is also a way for Llenard to positively channel his energy. He even tends to the store every other day. He parents pay him P300 for a three-hour duty.

"He now knows how difficult it is to work as he does not ask something from us out of his whims. Pocket money is not easy in a store," shares Giselle.

DEEP-FRIED ice cream

CHOCO mud pie

LLENARD Bohol and choco mud pie

A charming boy, Llenard's presence in the store allows guests the schedule of the chefs/cooks.

He loves the idea of owning and running a store so he feels responsible to visit the store every day he says.

And what are the future plans of this eight-year-old entrepreneur?

Llenard, the inspiration behind Llew's Mud Pies, says he wants to be an architect when he grows up and is looking forward to manage more stores in the near future.

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Participants will get to experience how to make Italian meats, terrine, longganisa (chorizo, tapa, Lechon) bacon, chinese sausage, embutido (chicken and pork loaf, pork quickies, fish loaf, fish fillet, spanish and tomato sardines, pork and hotdogs (ang, squid ball and cocktail ball). Also human courses such as how to make vegetable preserved (achara), prawn butter making, and actual demo on bangus deboning is included in the seminar.

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Promoting cuisine from 'the heart of Europe'

Text and photos by Arnaldo Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

MENTION Hungary and the cultured will probably drop the name of composer Franz Liszt. The history buff will note likely site the Austria-Hungary Empire of olden days. And the plain foodie will almost automatically say "Hungarian sausage."

So, you go for Hungarian cuisine as in sausages and filling goulash soup (a meat in itself)? Then the place to make a beeline for is Magyar (Hungarian Restaurant Ltd., 8331 397) at Nuvo de Magallanes, Makati City.

It is a cozy restaurant with a decidedly Central European ambience, with framed reproductions of scenes from the continent, the Hungarian national flag, the mainstream to national costume, and Zilzel contrasting spicily. Decorating a business deal, perhaps. Boisterous conversation and loud laughter are unheard of here.

The family-run resto is managed by siblings Vanessa Qua and Allen Qua. The latter, who is in charge of the kitchen, studied cooking at the Center for Culinary Arts and later went to the block for further studies in his chosen field. Vanessa, on the other hand, took up hospitality management at Glion, an international school in Montreux, Switzerland.

VANESSA Qua

DELICIOUS menu, European style.

A few years ago the two returned from their respective studies abroad, and they discussed what business they could go into.

"It so happened that we had a Hungarian friend who stayed in Manila for over a year," recalls Vanessa. "And as he taught Allen all about Hungarian cooking, and so-then-turned to."

And that was how the business started in 2010. "It's unique," says Vanessa. "I don't think there's a Hungarian restaurant in Manila."

A typical lunch menu at Magyar will consist of soup for the day, a choice of salad(served with toasted peanuts and strawberries), pepperoni salami (beef strips), or meatballs in paprika (pepper) meat sauce, plus cream puff for dessert. There's also stuffed chicken, chicken paprika, beef, pork, and many other dishes and variations.

The breakfast are the goulash soups (beef, lamb, pork & sauerkraut and seafood & mushroom) and of course the sausages: bratwurst with cheese, chipolata (fresh sausage made from ground pork), kielbasa (pork with salt, pepper & garlic), schnitzel and the all-time favorite among Pinoys, Hungarian sausage.

"Customers like the Night Owl Soup," notes Vanessa. "In Hungary they say it's the perfect hangover soup." This consists of sauerkraut, Debrecen sausage, bacon, pork mixed with sour cream and paprika.

The Qua have promoted the restaurant among international food festivals and cocktails in Metro Manila and in front International School in Bicol City, Laguna (the high school alma mater of Vanessa), used of mouth, and online marketing. Invitations are made within a whisker.

The clientele is small and select: "It's a good mix," says the entrepreneur. "Half are Filipino and half are expats, executives, businessmen. A lot of families come in and they would watch TV while dining. And then there are the young and their dates."

So how's business?

"We're getting along," observes Vanessa. "More and more people from Makati are coming in and saying they want to try our dishes."

Ever they broken even?

"We are still working on that," she concludes with guarded optimism. "We are moving towards that."

Sweeping declarations and heartfelt vows—these days, almost everyone's into the sappy and the sincere.

And what better way to organize your nuptials than by building it around the story of your love—something Josiah's Catering, the country's leading bridal catering specialists, has been doing for years.

"Incorporating a client's vision on how they want things to turn out means their voice is given bearing—it's just a matter of enhancing their ideas and executing it in the best way possible. For weddings, an excellent way to make things more special is by having the food center on their own personal stories," shares Freshmoda Versoza, Josiah's Catering's General Manager.

It is no secret that love stories serve as a spring of inspiration for enhancing the genuine appeal of every wedding detail. "At Josiah's, we are more than happy to take on the challenge of translating the key elements, unique in every story of the clients we serve, and using that as an inspiration for coming up with customized meal options sure to have guests craving for more."

A wedding reception is the perfect opportunity to reward guests for making time to attend one of your life's most important turning points. When the ceremony ends and the dining starts, it is only vital that your family and your friends are well-served and energized.

Whether it's by serving cotton candy as dessert—symbolizing the date you had at your school fair—or by having them sample the distinct offerings of your favorite out of town destinations, there are a million ways to have your guests gastronomically smitten with creative rounds of tasty trinkets. With this theme in mind, you can be sure that once your guests take their seats, the moment they take their first bite, they will—in an instant—taste in the surreal magic of a lover's dream come true.

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Looking back, it is the people, the music, and the food that make up the vignettes that are yours to cherish forever in time. So why not trust in a catering service that specializes in crafting memorable keepsakes that are yours to have and to hold—keepsakes that Josiah's Catering has mastered through years of delivering the finest cuisine reserved only for weddings.

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Bayot-Ortigas concubinage case and the future of RP real estate

ARE YOU AMONG those wondering about the latest on the high-profile concubinage case filed against Francisco "Paeng" Ortigas III by his wife Joanne "Josie" Madrigal Bayot-Ortigas, which hit the news last January, and how it may be affecting what could be one of the biggest unfolding real estate deals in the country's history—that is, the sale of Ortigas properties to competing SM and Ayala business groups?

We heard that the lawyers of Paeng have asked for postponement of the hearings. It seems that after Paeng allegedly refused to sign the quit claim on any of Josie's vast paraphernal (inherited) properties, Josie turned the tables around, with her lawyers giving notice to prospective buyers of the Ortigas property that she would be entitled to half of Paeng's shares in any future sale. This, despite Paeng's share in Ortigas properties reportedly being minuscule—or at least, smaller than what Josie owns.

In case things are at a stalemate—and people are left marveling at how a timeless squabble could have such far-reaching repercussions on the future of Philippine real estate!

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We hit different places around the city to find out. In many of them, it's deafening

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FROM LEFT: Chili's, Rockwell Power Plant; Bulgogi Brothers; Greenbelt; Sumo Sam; Shangri-La Mall; Yabu; Podium

How noisy are our restaurants?

By Pam Pastor and Yolo Yang, Contributor

First in a series

WE MUST BE getting old.

We've been finding ourselves avoiding certain restaurants because of excessive noise. Its food quality, location, service and creativity are more valued assets worth to our cohorts of a good restaurant.

Forget loud music, we like to be able to sit down and talk to our friends while enjoying our meal.

We're not expecting restaurants to be as quiet as a library. We only place with a good vibe, one that there's an ideal balance between positive energy and noise.

And apparently, we're not the only ones who feel this way.

According to The Audiology Awareness Campaign, "People with normal hearing also complain about noisy restaurants. According to Digital Journey, noise is the second most common complaint of restaurant-goers (second only to poor service)."

With restaurants sprouting around the country, we wonder how much time and effort do owners put into planning the acoustics of their establishments? Is that something they even put in the budget?

But the rising noise levels in restaurants cannot be attributed only to acoustics and architecture (all glass, concrete, no cushion or cushions to absorb the sound).

Restaurant owners could spend a few tens on materials and decor, but hardly can accomplish this through engineering. This, even in fine-dining places.

In many restaurants today, to get a conversation going is an arduous effort.

In most places we visited, the primary contributing factor to the noise was other diners. When you are in a restaurant with other diners who do not care how much noise they're making, you will get a headache, restaurant sensories be damned.

Armed with our decibel meters, we hit different restaurants around the city to find out just how loud our restaurants are. And to put our decibel ratings in perspective—among results a quiet city street from traffic will usually clock in on average of 40 decibels.

Chelsea (Podium)

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

Noise: Chelsea was half-full when we visited on a Saturday afternoon. We were seated near the kitchen. Despite the kitchen noise and background music, we could listen our companions but fine and enjoy our risotto balls and egg salad sandwich with ease but without getting eavesdropped.

Decibel level: 69

Yabu (Podium)

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

Noise: Yabu's ambience—dim lights, no music—makes it perfect for enjoying a good chat while having dinner. We're fans of this restaurant because of its not-so-affordable Japanese fare (and the delicious chicken skin), and now, after realizing how quiet it is compared to most restaurants, we've become even bigger fans.

Decibel level: 63

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (Cubao)

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Noise: The noise at Coffee Bean can not be blamed on the coffee shop. Our fingers are pointed toward that group of people who, with complete disregard for the other customers, decided to turn the place into their very own board room. Dudes, we heard you so loud and close we could have taken the minutes of your meeting.

Decibel level: 71

Boss (Bonifacio Global City)

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Noise: We went to Boss on a Sunday evening expecting a mellow place where we could enjoy our sangria. Never shouldn't be a problem, right? Wrong. When people at the next table were all talking and laughing so loudly and the only thing separating them from you was the back of your chair, you wouldn't be able to carry your own conversation. You'd try but would soon get tired of uttering your votes, and you'd spend the rest of your meal eavesdropping (even if you're not in a library and resisting the urge to shush them. Again, we can't blame the voice. It's the Coffee Bean library—the table's noise can mix with everyone else's dining experience. But Boss's paella is so good that we will keep coming back. We'll just keep our fingers crossed that we don't get noisy neighbors next time.

Decibel level: 75

Apartment 1B (Salcedo Village)

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

Noise: While we were able to hear our companions despite the long table (we were 12), the background noise of chatter from other diners was extremely loud, rendering us inaudible. Sound bounced off the floor would travel up the second floor where we were seated, adding to the noise in the packed restaurant.

Decibel Level: 67

The Taipan/The Continental, Tower Club (Philamlife Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati)

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Noise: The restaurants at Tower Club have great acoustics. Even when full, the restaurants are still on the quiet side, and this is definitely on their part. They even transparent doors so par diners on either inside or how it all altogether.

Decibel Level: 74

Chili's (Rockwell Power Plant)

Monday, 8 p.m.

Noise: There were a lot of factors that contributed to the noise at Chili's—the music, the kids running around, the diners from the different tables, and the clatter of plates. Oddly, even though Chili's restaurants are always buzzing with energy, we still managed to hear our companions with ease.

Decibel level: 71

Sumo Sam (Shangri-La Mall)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Noise: The decibel in Sumo Sam for post-movie meal but ended up wanting to savor our tans. The culprit—a wailing baby who just wouldn't stop.

Decibel level: 73

Cibo (Rockwell)

Monday, 8:30 p.m.

Noise: Cibo's low decibel rating can be attributed to a number of things. It was late on a Monday night, the place was almost empty and we were seated at a booth that shielded us from the rest of the place. The only noise we heard were those of the waiters who seemed to be counting spoons and forks.

Decibel level: 59

J.Co (Megamall)

Saturday, 9 p.m.

Noise: The place was busy, packed with people who queued a door at donuts. The chatter bounced the hubbub, the people placing their orders, workers ringing up sales—all those contributed to the high decibel rating. But we'll take 77, we'll take higher than 77 because there's been much we love J.CO's all-time favorite donuts. Besides, there's WiFi. So instead of talking, we just got busy with our iPads while waiting for our boxes of donuts.

Decibel level: 77

Bulgogi Brothers (Greenbelt)

Friday, 7 p.m.

Noise: It was a very busy night at Bulgogi Brothers but luckily we managed to snag a booth where we were able to enjoy our meal (and donuts) in relative peace.

Decibel level: 68

Pancake House (Mezzanine)

Friday, 8 p.m.

Noise: Pancake House should have been given three all, maybe even four stars in the restaurant were occupied. But the three people in the table adjacent to ours decided that the whole place should hear their conversation. To be fair, their stories were very interesting. We heard about someone's philandering father and learned that Darko (formerly of the Bobwell band) is still hot. That's the way to do it, we guess. If you're going to broadcast your conversation in a restaurant, you better make sure it's tabloid-worthy.

Decibel level: 62

Masseto (Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati)

Thursday, 9:30 p.m.

This is our restaurant where we only in the food good, you can also enjoy good conversation.

Obviously, this was designed with dining comfort in mind. There are carpets, cushioned seats to absorb the sound.

Decibel level: 55

(To be continued)

FROM LEFT: Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Cubao; Apartment 1B, Salcedo Village; Masseto, Valero St., Salcedo Village; Makati; Boss, Bonifacio Global City

There's a new chapter in Kristen Stewart's life

But the emotional trials will continue for a while

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Taurus

Baggage is nothing but being ego. Around the '70s, some baggage from your past may come back to haunt you. You'll probably be proposing a lot of this and you may be looking at your romance. You'll need to look closely at your motivations to resolve any relationship problems.

Gemini

There are great opportunities in your relationships now due to the contrasting influences of Jupiter and Venus in your personal affairs, and this gives you a chance to improve your understanding of your loved ones. You can work at removing differences, and put in positive sense of the communication skills that you've been working on.

Cancer

You're on the go, and it's just as well because you'll need that stretch of energy if you plan to take up several of those invitations. Aye to compliment matters, domestic demands that have been overlooked will put strain pressure on you. Keep money out of your discussions if you want to avoid arguments.

Leo

You'll be at a point of no return in your current situation. If you want to announce a friendship, you'll need to give it your best shot. The means focusing to 100 percent of your best effort before doing an about-face or giving up. Don't pass any judgments until you've spent more time trying to fully understand the consequences.

Virgo

Your true dreams this week because they're a point in time where your subconscious knows the proper course of action for you today. Even though some of the images you get will only be symbolic, they can have real meaning. Your relationships will be greatly helped by paying attention to what is revealed to your dream state and letting it.

Libra

Libra, you'll want to be more progressive in matters of love, and this will prompt you to learn more about communication. You'll be very vocal about having your needs fulfilled. If you request it, in no uncertain terms, not to make the most of what's on offer elsewhere.

Scorpio

Your relationships can be taken to a new level, but of course you must be prepared to work at them. Don't get lazy. This is the time when you have to fight the tendency to run or let your hair rich and expect your partner to do all the work. You're only going to get back what you put in.

THERE'S A NEW CHAPTER C3

Customizing 'merienda' meals

Homegrown brands introduce novel way to enjoy Pinoy-style midday snacks

Ube Cake Roll, Pancit Canton, Pepsi Mix

By Fran Rodriguez

THE AROMA of freshly cooked pancit bagiuo—rice vermicelli topped with egg strips, shrimps, smoked fish flakes and crushed pork rind—was mouthwatering to the full. Laid by our server on the table, the noodles, paired with the trademark orange shrimp-based sauce, were accompanied by a slice of moist chocolate sponge cake and steaming cup of coffee.

A little overindulgent for a midday snack? We think not.

Max's Restaurant and Max's Corner Bakery recently launched Max's Merienda Mixes, a promo that combines the restaurant's local snack staples, popular items from the bakeshop and one of three drinks for a new afternoon-snack experience at the affordable rate of P99.

Our own mix-and-match creation didn't spoil our appetite for dinner at all. Servings were just enough to tide us over till the evening meal, and the cost was pocket-friendly as well.

Afternoon breather

"Max's Merienda Mixes reaches out to merienda lovers of all ages," said Bobbie Sentiseno, corporate media and public relations manager for Max's Group of Companies.

Itinerant out-of-towners could certainly benefit from a combined merienda, instead of the customary junk food or fast-food takeout. Max's Restaurant has the food and ambience for an afternoon breather, and one can recharge for what's left of the workday. Free Wi-Fi is available, too.

Students could know their fill while assessing for exams or recoup their energy after a quiz clinic. Families, friends and couples can spend an afternoon together over snacks, with a tab that won't break the budget.

From 2 p.m. every day, diners can create their own afternoon merienda (via in-any Max's Restaurant outlet. Start with the restaurant's classic merienda dish, such as pancit luglog (plain), pancit canton (small) or a palate blend of triple-chocolate champorado—any of which would be served hot. The steam that emanates from the bowl or plate could make the belly rumble.

Then Max's Corner Bakery options include cheese roll that melts in the mouth, freshly baked empanada, made rich with creamy butter, plus generous sprinkles of grated cheese and sugar; and a slice of Cake Roll with flavors of chocolate, mocha, ube, mango and jelly.

Cap off the afternoon feast with ice-cold Pepsi, hot coffee or a refreshing glass of syrup-sweetened sago't gulaman.

Homegrown

It should come as no surprise that the team-up of homegrown brands could deliver such a unique merienda experience.

"The house that fried chicken built" cleverly ties in its menu a solid selection of local merienda dishes, which diners could avail at regular-meal portions throughout the day.

Max's Corner Bakery has come a long way from founder Ruby Yuset's soft bread rolls baked in wood-fired oven in the '60s. The bakeshop has diversified since, offering sweet and savory items such as breads, pastries, classic and custom-made cakes. Cupcakes could now be purchased with gift-like packaging.

And in case you haven't noticed, the soft and chewy Caramel Bar, which most people thought could be had only with a Max's Restaurant meal, is actually sold in boxes at the bakeshop.

Sentiseno said the new promo is not only easy on the budget, it also presents a novel way of enjoying the best merienda items from Max's bakeshop and restaurant.

On top of savoring the good eats, those who avail of the Max's Merienda Mixes, offered until Sept. 16, have the chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to San Francisco. The prize will include a visit to the Max's branch in the city and tickets to a pop concert.

"Max's will no longer be just a place for a hearty breakfast, or a sumptuous lunch and dinner," Sentiseno said. "It is the new place to experience delicious and indulgent afternoon snacks that are absolutely Filipino, with the components of a fast-casual dining restaurant—comfort, quality service and exceptional food."

Max's Merienda Mixes is available for takeout and delivery. Dial Max's delivery hotline 7-9000 for those in Metro Manila, or place orders at www.maxschicken.com.ph.

Visit www.facebook.com/maxsrestaurant and www.facebook.com/maxscornerbakery to sign up for Max's and Max's Corner Bakery's fan pages.

Cheese Roll, Champorado Coffee Mix

Triple-chocolate Champorado

Empanada

Cake Roll slices

Sago't Gulaman

Pancit Luglog

Pancit Canton

A young basketball star's search

By Fr. Tito Cabaog
Guest Author

"Father, to this day I am still asking the question you posed to me when we first met: What is God's mission for me?"

MY HEART is restless until it rests in you alone." This age-old line from St. Augustine continues to touch the soul in its search of meaning and mission in life. This search, I used to think, was central and vibrant in the life of a young person.

In recent years, however, as I encounter such older people, people in their 60s and 70s, and even old, 80-plus people, I realize that the search is a lifetime journey indeed.

This Sunday's Gospel on the bread of life gives us a framework of the search for meaning and mission in one's life. It shows different levels of the search.

There is the search for things that satisfy us, maybe physically or money, silly, . . . you are looking for me . . . because you ate the loaves and were filled."

There is the search for meaning and mission, but meaning and mission on which we impose our terms and conditions—"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"

The deepest level of this search is for the meaning and mission of our life that is God-given. It is in this meaning and mission where we see God himself.

"In him alone" do we find the most authentic and deepest meaning and mission of our life. "I am the bread of life."

Work for joy is a famous saying, but when imbued with energy for others, work becomes meaningful.

Last year there was a beautiful Reynolds ad that captured this meaning that comes with work. The ad showed ordinary people in ordinary jobs and the line was—"Bus driver by morning, bongo by night." (For whom do you get out of bed in the morning?)

This is the radical transition from work for pay to work with meaning. But (albeit) do we get out of bed in the morning?

It is the transition from necessity to meaning.

Beyond meaning, there is mission. We can do very meaningful work, but not necessarily live out our mission. This is the difficult distinction we constantly need to make. It is not easy.

Meaning can come from different sources. But work has meaning because it helps others. It does a lot of good.

Meaning can come from a sense of personal achievement to a sublime or ultimate level.

Mission, however, is so much more than meaning. It is a calling, a vocation. We are all called and we are sent.

Mission is not for some. There, somewhere south and there is a purpose for being over, a mission order, so to speak.

For different missions in previous articles, from Frederick Buechner: "The place where God calls (or sends) you is to the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Mission is always the voice of God.

Almost 10 years ago, I met with a young man who was deciding whether he would play with the Mismo de Manila basketball team or another team. Many years he was the top scorer.

Being a good student, he, with his parents, had looked at the courses he was considering in the two universities and found both okay.

It was a difficult choice. When I met with him, the first thing I said was that at the end of the day what was important was his knowing what God wants of him to do, what is God's mission for him. Personally, he decided to join Ateneo.

Years later, he asked to see me. I was no longer with Ateneo. He was again deciding if he should continue to play after graduation or not.

When we sat down, the first thing he said was, "Father, to this day I am still asking the question you posed to me when we first met, 'What is God's mission for me?'"

Then he also noted the pros and cons of the choices before him.

He decided to play. On his first playing year, the Mismo basketball team won its first of four—hopefully five more—championships in the PBAL.

Same question

Years came by, new promising a pro decision, he'd always go back to the question of what is God's mission for him.

After PBAL he joined the bigger Ateneo and San Juan very visible in other fields as well. He is a role model and most (and I couldn't) is a category very few are in.

Recently, we had a marathon of our spiritual conversations. The question remains—what is God's mission for him?

However, the conversation this time, was different. Now he had an answer with the meaning of a "what" to know the area his mission God wanted him to do.

He discussed how his was to deliver his messages. He understood his area. The story of his journey was after high school he thought he would not get in to the UAAP. Much later he'd "what" in the UAAP. He did because one of his biggest fans.

In deciding to play after graduation, he was not sure if it would have an impact. He was awarded to Ateneo's campaign for championship. He led the UAAP.

After this he thought his basketball days were over but he moved on to the national team and again made an impact.

As he narrated his story, it dawned on me that this was his mission. It was to deliver the messages to young people, especially those from the less privileged classes, that they can make choices to stay out of themselves.

His message is his story. He wanted young people to see that, like him, who at different stages in his journey, doubted if, like him, they, too, could make it. He wanted to tell the less privileged youth: through basketball that "yes, they can!" if they will work hard for and be disciplined in pursuing their goals.

Here is a young man who for the past decade has been "restless." The question remained—what is God's mission for him? He now answers this.

Though he is a confident and definite young man, I have never seen him so sure of himself. He always had a calm, steady and positive presence, yet I have never seen him so at peace, and even with a glow of spirit in his eyes.

He had found and embraced his meaning and mission.

He fit

He had his fill of the earthly bread, so to speak, but a good education. Won a UAAP championship. He is a celebrity in his own right. I use the word because well. He is a role model to the youth. You would think this is much more than a meaningful life.

But then again, the bread of life (the Lord talks about promises) we will no long hunger or thirst.

He's Carolina Hill, Antipolo, 3.1, once refused to be Bandanid, the bread of life, as "the bread of the desert," the bread of the desert, God's desert. It is God's desert for us to be His beloved sons and daughters by our sharing in Christ's mission. It is His desire for us that we live a life of meaning and mission, to be His beloved sons and daughters as whom He is well-pleased.

All of us search for meaning and mission. We ask, at one point in our life and perhaps continue to ask at different points, what is God's mission for us? In the words of the rich young ruler, we seek to answer the big question, as the God given mission we will discover.

We must listen for the answer. We must listen to our life within us, to Stokes Brimer would say. We must listen to our world. We must listen to our deep gladness and discover in those our deep gladness.

Knowing this, we must listen to the deep hunger of the world that our deep gladness can respond to. This is where God needs us. This meeting point between our deep gladness and a deep hunger of our world is where we are to live out our mission.

'Idyll' opens at Transfiguration Monastery

"IDYLL," featuring works by Visconte R. Barcelo Jr., opens Aug. 8, 5 p.m., in Museum of Transfiguration Monastery (Monastery Grounds, Michelangelo City, Bukidnon) and runs until Sept. 9.

The solo exhibition of the 29th founding anniversary of the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Benedictine Monks in Malaybalay.

Cavite City toasts 'Tata Roque'; Leveriza, Malate, marks 61st Assumption feast

HOLY HILL was a child growing up in Cavite City, Jesus Javier Arroyo, now a medical technologist at Cavite City Medical Center, has been a devotee of San Roque, the patron saint of people who went to be healed of their infectious diseases.

In gratitude for blessings from the saint, the neighborhood could "save" when he was asked to be the festivity mayor of this year's fiesta.

Jesus Bishop Emeritus Manuel Sobrevinas will officiate at the one-celebrated Mass on Aug. 15, 9 a.m.

Fr. Celso Reyes Jr. is parish priest.

In preparation for the fiesta, on Aug. 13, "Bahala Si San Roque" is being held (July 31-Aug. 8) in different barangays, in cooperation with Brgy. Barangay Sto. San Roque Cluster Organization and Zone 8 Barangay officials.

To open the novena Masses, a torch procession heading San Roque will proceed from the Aguinaldo residence on Aug. 6, 6 p.m., following the 5 p.m. Mass there.

Fr. Cesar is inviting devotees to the "Sabadong alay kay San Roque" on Aug. 6-27.

There will be feeding of 600 children on Aug. 17, 10 a.m., in the church, in cooperation with the Office of Social Services Office.

'Gupiten Bayan'

Boys age seven to 12 will be given free haircuts on Aug. 18, 8 a.m. 12 noon, at St. Joseph's College, in cooperation with Mr. Apple Black & Company.

On the same day there will be the "Sagip Bahay" blood donation event, 8 a.m.-12 noon, also at St. Joseph's, in cooperation with the Philippine National Red Cross-Cavite Chapter.

There will also be medical and dental missions.

Holy Mass will be held Aug. 18, 12 noon. There will be a blessing of dogs after the Mass. Then the image of the Tata Roque will be brought out in a colorful tabernacle.

On Aug. 19, 6 a.m., the "Dana" will take place. A marching band will go around the resource begin the fiesta.

The grand procession will be at 7 p.m.

Father Al's 11,000 children

The Sisters of Mary, who run Jesus-town and Girlstown in Silang, Cavite, and Cebu, start a letter telling us about the forthcoming birthday of 11,000 high school children under their care on Aug. 15, feast of Our Lady of the Assumption. She does not by their

founder, Servant of God Mike Al Velarde, or the children's birthday.

For almost 50 years, the spread day has been observed by the Sisters of Mary to give a heartwarming experience for all the children under their care in order to cultivate in them, especially the poor ones, a sense of belonging.

Readers are encouraged to help the Sisters prepare gifts for the 11,000 children.

Readers may send their contributions or donations to the Sisters of Mary in Barangay Biga, Silang, Cavite. They may write Sr. Elena G. Balmonte, fsm, president of PA AC: Children Foundation Inc., Sisters of Mary Girlstown Complex, Brgy. Biga II, Silang-0120 Cavite.

Readers may also call (046)913, telefax (046)9342579, or e-mail mary@skyinet.net.

Fundraising for Asian

International concert pianist Lorenzo Manalo has been invited by Xavier Ritch '55 Foundation to play for their Fundraising event, "An Evening of Art and Music" on Aug. 11, at Medicard Lifestyle Center on 51 Bonifacio Avenue, Bonifacio Arcinaco, Makati City.

The art exhibit will open at 6 p.m., featuring the works of Noel Cabrera, Rose Garcia, Mark Pascua Encinas, Arlene Lorenzo, Marie de Rivera, Chris-tines Ely and Vincent Ilag.

Concert begins at 7 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the museum for Arts.

Tickets will be available at the gate.

Assumption Fiesta

Novena Masses and the feast of Our Lady of the Assumption comes on the theme "Pananampalataya: Inspirasyon ng Kapayapan ng Sambayanang Pilipino."

Itinerary: set of 5 p.m., Aug. 6-14, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish on Leveriza Street, Malate.

Fr will be the 61st feasts of the parish. Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales will officiate the one-celebrated Mass Aug. 15, 9 a.m.

Novena Mass celebrants and their schedules are Fr. Gonie Dela, Aug. 6; Fr. Ronie Ledesma, Aug. 7; Fr. Erick Jacinto, Aug. 8; Fr. Alfred Adanza, Aug. 9; Msgr. Tong Lo, Aug. 10; Fr. Rubin Gan, Aug. 11; Fr. Andy de Guzman, Aug. 12; Msgr. Ding Coronel, Aug. 13; and Fr. Ivanel de Claro.

Dalaw Soledad 2011

The pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Soledad de Porta Vaga is now at Holy Trinity Parish in Cainta, Rizal, until Aug. 12.

Other visits include Parish of Our Lady of Consolation at Miranda Subdivision, Sandong Area, QC, Aug. 12-16; Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Cainta, Caloocan, Aug. 18-20; Holy Rosary Parish in Pasiguit, Malabon, Aug. 26-Sept. 2.

Today is the feast of Our Lady of the Snows. You can find her icon at San Roque Church in Cubao.

Our Lady of Buen Success

The Novena of Masses is ongoing for Our Lady of Buen Success at St. Andrew Cathedral, La Huerta, Parañaque, until Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fiesta Masses are at 5:30 a.m., 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Rosa Clos, party for us.

A death—yet again

ANDRE MARCOS could have been anyone's brother, grandson, sibling or son. He could have been my son.

Perhaps that is why days after his death in the hands of other young men shook me up. I am appalled at the manner of his death. I am appalled at the manner I read the news about his last hours, how he was left to die. It's horrible.

Lawyer Theodore Te wrote to Inquirer—"Death and Restless Soul"—that for most people, "...there are the natural manners, but, not focus or trace, the grief, the anger, the rage, the eventuation, are vicarious and, therefore, fleeting. They eventually fade and disappear, supplanted by the more pressing and real issues after the natural manners of those killed—only to be remembered when the cycle begins again, with each new death."

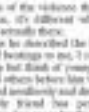
However, for us who do not see it only here it fails to lose a loved one, not necessarily through kidnap or violent means. To die neither is so patently in an unbelievable and inexcusable sense of loss," where the grief, anger and rage do not dissipate because "the loss is permanent, irretrievable, irredeemable."

He adds, "...those orphaned wage a daily battle with remembering and forgetting, guilt and unfinished business, with every unpleasant memory rush back full in fury with every subsequent death under similar circumstances."

I was reminded of Alice Hoagland, now 87, who lost her youngest, Mel, then 19, both in 1971, shot dead by a sniper, while he was a college student at San Sebastian.

His oldest brother, Jim Greg Hoagland, was a recent graduate if PMA, to enter a death that destroyed their family in many unimaginable ways. Jim's older brother would lose two other sons, a true young Mel's death that left her devastated.

I interviewed her for my book "Between Love and Forever: Filipino Children and the Grief Journey," and I will never forget her story when I asked her how she coped with the death of her other sons. She paused, shrugged and said, "Having another to take my Mel."



ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Cabahug

"If Congress is truly serious about putting a stop to hazing, it should prohibit hazing, not simply regulate it"

I'll never get over that she loved the other sons less, but that death is a young age, so sudden and violent, and through some, her sorrow, shatters the heart and spirit in ways no words can describe.

A prominent lawyer friend, who quit rigorous statistics consultancy for a stepfather in UK and that when you join a fraternity, although you have an idea of the violence that takes place, it's different when you are actually there.

As he described the lashings and the beatings, he said, "I could not help but think of young Andre, and others before him who suffered needlessly and died.

My friend has permanent nerve damage in his thighs from the merciless beatings he was subjected to, and the mind-set that did was good to him.

"The law is there but it needs to be amended and strengthened. Otherwise, the hazing will go on. In addition to this, a comprehensive study by reliable, unbiased and objective body of frats/brotherhood and belonging can be fostered across the universities," he said.

His daughter says school by school and coming lawyer's kind of thing, and she's right. Special and the last manner not to join a fraternity. He said that culture of violence, not just in the culture of violence, but also a change in mind-set toward post-wage and policies must be established if the system is to change.

"Frankly, I don't know, but they are not a deterrent. Creating a counter-culture that is a deterrent of violence is more important."

Dr. in his article, describes a two-pronged approach to put an end to this madness. First, the law itself needs endless changes.

"That RA 8049 [—outdated hazing a fearful] we put on authority, places the burden on the victims and not on the perpetrators. If Congress is truly serious about putting a stop to hazing, it should prohibit hazing, not simply regulate it. That change, by itself, will place the burden of prosecution squarely where it belongs—on the fraternity that conducts the ritual and not on the orphaned victims."

He cites more where the real hazing law can be strengthened.

It is great that other legislators like Senator Honasan are stepping in to see that these changes are put in place.

Although Honasan has said that the issue at hand goes beyond the anti-hazing law and encompasses all law, which I read that he is now pursuing changes in legislation, I was reminded of the passage from the book of Esther—"for if you remain silent at this time relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esth 4:14, NIV)

My second approach is the same echoed by both my Inquirer friends—that of establishing a coordinating. To abstain that "...there are the natural manners—those who belong to fraternities and have gone through hazing—and who now occupy positions of power, authority or influence, whether in or out of government, must live out that they possible to involve the deepest sense of brotherhood, the most abiding sense of commitment, the greatest loyalty by means other than and by ordeal."

Gallant, after all, cannot be legislated. It needs to be lived and passed on from one generation to another. Values begin at home and can be reinforced in school at the earliest age, then lived daily. Violence and patience—and hazing—can be eradicated.

It is only when these measures are in place that perhaps there will no longer be any Lenny Villas or Andre Marcoses to grieve for, and the world become a little safer and kinder for the children and grandchildren we leave behind.

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Her 'balikbayan' son has fallen for a bar girl

DEAR EMILY,

My husband and I have lived for decades abroad, where our three kids were all born, lived and educated in good neighborhoods. We made sure that they were never alienated from our home country.

When one of our boys visited after his college graduation, he was so enamored with our country that he asked if he could stay and lived some time with us. He stayed for a little more than two months. He couldn't have been more delighted. Those two months

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Horvath

stretched into an indefinite stay after he got an office for experience.

He must have thinked when we heard that in a matter of months, my son met a woman in a bar and they started living together after he got his permanent job. We knew he was of age and would do whatever he wanted, but were troubled as that this girl was a full-fledged "escort," not someone I'd be proud to have in-school. She is five years older.

When we came home for a visit after their baby was born, my son introduced the girl to us, and the coma dressed in a way more suitable to streetwalking. He pauses years to us right I was afraid they'd come apart, her breasts were spilling out of her tight blouse, and her face looked like it would need a crayon to assemble her thick makeup.

My husband and I attempted to show the girl nice conversation, but since my family spoke in English, I talked to her in Tagalog to make her more comfortable. Rather than answering me in Tagalog, she tried to impress us by ignoring the language she was spoken to, and answered in mixed-in fractured and badly bro'ed English.

This issues into their relationship, they continue to separate because they found somebody else. She left their son with my son.

My son apparently never learned his lesson. Recently, we were told that he was again seeing another woman, one much like his first wife, and I find he had become the primary breadwinner of this girl's family.

I am asking what is the world we quiet, intelligent, beautiful and generous son did in his past life to deserve this fate. My husband and I have remained quiet despite everything. As a very concerned mother, my heart tells me to talk to him and guide his turnaround called back to the right path. But my mind tells me it's none of my business.

—Mother in Shock

Answer:

Your concerns as a mother are justifiable. You only want the best for your son. But no one wants said. Your parents' family understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.

So, what is his point of view?

What you've just all the trappings of wealth from birth—a comfortable home, good education, friends from privileged families, travel, leisure, and just about everyone you meet like you're a young superstar. Then you reach adulthood and have been introduced to growing up...but he apparently took these for granted.

Coming home, he was suddenly plunged into an entirely world...the unwarm, the unfriendly, the grungy. And he had only heard about from hand-me-down stories. Here, he's experiencing them in actual Philippine setting, with no preservice necessary around to cheer friends to fall back on. Here, he's actually his individual flowing and to adventure at night.

Suddenly, he is soaking in the uniqueness of the place that has stayed him, like fish on a hook. It is the excitement of the unknown. He has been born and had his roots and had his other self—clearly a world away, in obvious departure from his old life. He had the freedom to pick a path as a decision maker—or to defer to the choice of his parents and family.

This ushers in the fact that if your son can get a girl of 41 years pregnant, and fall for another of the same kind, he clearly knows the rights and the wrongs and everything that is wrong in his life just like he need to help him into his ship.

Allow him to be his own man, learn his from experience, no matter if it's fraught with pain and frustration. You can only prayerful him.

Remember, the last friend who will never judge him when he needs one. It's his life, after all.

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Cebu marks Belgian national day; Enrique Benedicto knighted by King Albert II

Governor Gwen led the toast for the continued reign and good health of the Belgian monarch

CEBU CEBU

Janice Piscasio

A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION highlighted the celebrations of Belgium's national day. It was hosted by Belgian Ambassador Christian Meuwissen and Honorary Consul of Belgium in Cebu Enrique Benedicto and his wife, Fleurdeliza Benedicto. It was held at the Mandin Room of the Shangri-La Mactan Resort.

A brief program hosted by Mila Espina highlighted the occasion. Ambassador Meuwissen reminded that there are 2,500 Belgians in the Philippines, a good number of them in southern Philippines.

Governor in turn, Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia recalled that eight years ago after her election as governor, the first diplomatic event she attended was the Belgian national day. It must be said that during her term she has led Cebu to be the No. 1 province in Philippines in terms of an investment progress.

She further stated that this was her last time to attend the national day of Belgium in Cebu as governor, to which many appreciated that she could do so in the future in capacity a position for which she is running in this coming May 2010.

"To the King!" said Governor Garcia as she led to the toast for the continued reign and good health of King Albert II of the Belgians.

Later, Consul Benedicto was awarded the Knighthood in the Order of Leopold, conferred by King Albert during the latter's accession to the throne. To confer the honor, Ambassador Meuwissen asked Consul Benedicto to come up on stage.

In his response, Consul Benedicto said it was an honor that he was appointed honorary consul of Belgium in Cebu. The post, which he held for 20 years, was first held by his father Benedicto (present this evening), until 1998 when he was appointed to serve as Philippine ambassador to various countries—Singapore, South Korea, Brazil, Canada, India and China.

"Governor took for me," said Consul Benedicto, "was to promote the closer ties of friendship between the Philippines and Belgium. (For the latter) long-standing roots, especially in Cebu."

For one thing, the image of the Santo Niño venerated here since 1521 was originally made in Antwerp, Belgium, at a time when it was a possession of the Austro-Hapsburgs. Through the years, Cebuanos received much from Belgium, such as winery projects, bridges and farms to market roads, benefiting thousands all over the province.

In Cebu City, Belgium aid is focused on constructing the fish market and wharf in the Pasil area, to match in Glad-stoned those in the harbor areas of Belgium.

His list simplified, Enrique Benedicto expressed his gratitude to King Albert II, for "the highest honor granted to a civilian," and to be called, "quite unexpected."

"I share this with my family," he said. "Without them, I would not be where I am today. I also share this honor with each of you, my friends."

"Please see something about King Leopold I when you write an article," requested Enrique.

Leopold

It is quite a story to tell. How Leopold (1790-1865), youngest son of regicide Duke Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld and cousins Augusta of Saxe-Gherstedt, was chosen king of an independent Belgium.

He was briefly at the court of Napoleon I (1806-14) as Prince Latzi, under Josephine's first daughter-in-law, her daughter against the Napoleonic troops.

He joined the Tsar's suite on a state visit to London and there courted the Princess Charlotte, daughter of the Regent, later King George IV.

Leopold was a contender to the Princess of Wales was short-lived. She delivered a stillborn baby and died the next day. He lived in England and helped his sister Victoria [widow of the reigning Prince of Leiningen, prior to marry the Duke of Kent, George IV's younger brother.

They were the parents of the future Queen Victoria, during whose reign came the apogee of the British Empire. He was married for first cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, son of Leopold's oldest brother, Duke Ernest.

In 1830, Leopold rejected the offered Crown of Greece, but accepted that of the newly created Kingdom of Belgium. He was duly crowned on July 21, 1831, and that day became a national holiday. On August 9, 1832, he married Princess Louise, daughter of France's King Louis Philippe I.

Leopold I ruled wisely and despite its small territorial size, Belgium became a European power. He was instrumental in setting up a railway system that still the years remained the most developed in the world. Leopold I died in 1865.

Leopold and Queen Louise had four children. The first, Prince Louis Philippe, died less than a year after he was born. The second son, the future King Leopold II, would acquire the vast Congo territory in his personal property.

Their daughter, Princess Philippe, Count of Flanders, was the father of King Albert I who inherited the throne from his uncle Leopold II, whose three daughters never learned from the line of succession due to the Salic Law.

Leopold I's only daughter, Princess Charlotte, married Maximilian Archduke of Austria-Hapsburg, both embarked on the illness journey that made them emperors and empress of Mexico with such tragic consequences.

The current dynasty in Belgium descends from King Albert I and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, born a duchess in Bavaria, and related to the Austro-Hapsburgs. Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary, one of the most beautiful women of her time.

Albert I was succeeded by his son, King Leopold III, married to Sweden's Princess Astrid, who died in a car accident. Their son, King Baudouin I, married Spanish princess Fabiola de Mora y Aragon. They were childless, and on Baudouin's death, the throne passed to King Albert II, married to the Italian Princess Paola Ruffo di Calabria.

Their eldest son Prince Philippe became the successor of the dynasty. The eldest grandchild and first born son of the late Salic Law, stands to name day become the first queen of the Belgians.

There's a new chapter in Kristen . . .

Sagittarius

You can easily learn who your friends or enemies are by observing them a little more carefully. If you're hurt, being self-absorbed, you'll miss vital clues. A change in one of your most important relationships is due around this time, and you'll need to be prepared to adjust to a whole new set of circumstances.

Capricorn

This is a quiet phase for you, and it means you'll have to focus on your domestic responsibilities. You could feel as if you have the weight of the world on your shoulders over the coming weeks, and that could even equate to a literal feeling of upper back pain or discomfort in your shoulder area.

Aquarius

You'll be demanding more support from your partners over the next few days, and he/she will be feeling the same way. Frame your desire for support in a mutual thing, and you'll find that the moment you take a step to send the sun you love. They'll take two steps toward you. Don't dwell on minor problems.

Pisces

Your health will improve due to a greater commitment to your diet and physical exercise. This will have a wonderful flow-on effect in your relationships with lovers, feeling you're making an effort in for more attractive to them. An extensive routine can have the opposite effect, however. Be everything in moderation, and don't be compulsive about this aspect of your life.

Your Karma—
Q&A with Dadhichi

Hi Dadhichi,

I suspect my husband is attracted to one of his colleagues. Without his even thinking, he has started changing his behaviour, among other things, he is obsessed about looking on to his cell phone and never lets me see his messages. He has also become cold to me in terms of intimacy. What do you think, is he having an affair?

Thank you,
S. Manila

Hi S,

Maybe your husband has not accidentally had "an affair," those is certainly a younger woman attempting to come between you and him. This month, August, is critical, so there is no intention on his part to risk your own from the relationship. But he has not acknowledged. You should inform discussions, and encourage him to take some time out. This will give both of you an opportunity to reappraise the relationship.

Good luck,
Regards,
Dadhichi

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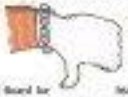

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Tessa Prieto-Valdez

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Too busy for the afternoon, you take another break to share things up a bit. This means a quick e-mail, a tweet, another Google look-up, and a relaxing view of that funny YouTube video.

Finally, it's heading time for dinner! Time for a Facebook post to share how yummy the food was, a quick look-up, but no go on around you, say, Sunny Lyden, and an FB photo upload of the hole Gogirl shake is taken.

As you relax your way into the night, you Google up on important bits you encountered in the day, like how you also navigated by the latest entertainment, wrap you heard from a colleague, promising a new restaurant, or maybe a quick look-up to send a couple of links you've found for your next favorite shoe for Sandra.

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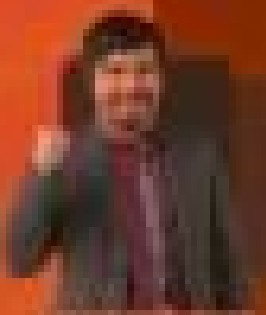

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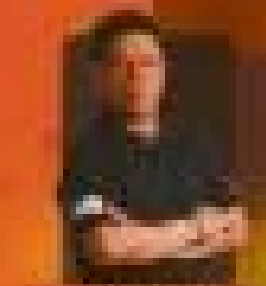

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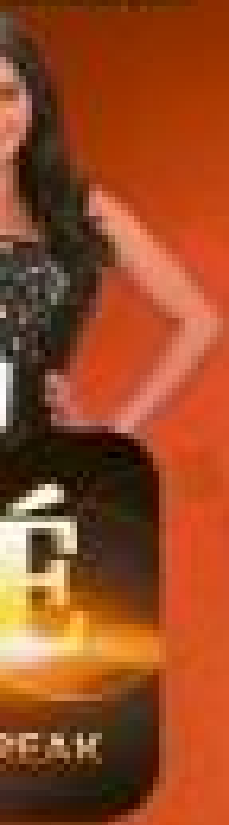

TRIPLE Team Hubbs 2012 Dennis Hubbs, Sea Princess and Bryan Prinz

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KORDAS King of the Road runners Sea Princess, Lara Padian, Leah Carriedo, Chris Tin

TRIPLE Team Hubbs 2011 Robin Hubbs, Sea Princess and Dennis Hubbs

I'm off today with Piolo at the Cobra Ironman run

TODAY is a colossal day for a lot of triathletes. The Cobra Ironman 70.3 Philippines has gathered over a thousand heroes and local elite champions and athletes to Cebu, with iconic hunk star Piolo Pascual and Grimmy there.

Timex is once again the official timekeeper, as it is for the Ironman World Championships in Kona and Germany and various other events like the Bear Trail City Marathon and the London Marathon.

Timex has also supported a little team called Team Hubbs for three years now. Team Hubbs originally started with my hubby Dennis as our anchor, my brother-in-law Robin as our biker and me as our runner. With Robin moving to Canada, I have been bumped up to biker, and my son, Bryan Prinz, is now set to run the course.

Timex endorser Hubs, who used to be the Timex runner, is now also hitting ProTape are can hang out at the exposition area! Timex is running a special promo, with regular gamers over bike splits eligible to win a Timex watch. (Follow @Timex.ph for details.)

The last time I saw Piolo was early this year at the Timex Run, where he just ran past me. Will he do the same on the bike at the Ironman?

The next Timex Run is also in Cebu on Aug. 19 and Timex Run Iloilo is on Aug. 26. Coach Rio de la Cruz will be handling both tracks, with the Rioganboro family—Mariel, Anthony and kids—winning the races.

Fila run

My last run was at the Fila Schools Run for School Smarts a month ago. The charity fun run at the Bonifacio Global City helped build schoolrooms for unfortunate school children in Iligan City, who lost everything to typhoon Sendong last year. It was a beautiful, unifying event for our determined, classroom-deprived school children.

This was Athletes in Action's first ever student-based fun run. The project was in partnership with Fila Kids Toys, the Department of Education and UNA Express Foundation.

Fila sports Cris Albert, who continually supports our Feel Charity Gala, also recently celebrated her birthday with close friends and family in an intimate party at her beautiful, hi-tech covered condo.

Another upcoming fun run is the 10th Adidas King of the Road (KOTR) on-Sept. 16 at the Bonifacio Global City. This year's race will have three categories—5K, 10K and 16.8K.

For the 16.8K distance, there are two sub-categories—the "General" category for Filipino nationals and the "Open" category for foreigners and expatriates. The top male and female winners from the 16.8K General category will be hailed as the Philippines' King and Queen of the Road and will qualify for an all-expense paid trip to Singapore on Oct. 28 to compete in the Adidas KOTR Southeast Asia Championship.

Adidas endorser Chris Tin was present at the presscon held at Anasonia Restaurant. It was fun to reunite with him and reminisce about our Adidas Trip in Singapore last year.

Jason Gervasio, Adidas sports marketing manager, told me that KOTR allows runners to achieve their personal best. Say, your target for the Adidas King of the Road 10K is an hour. Only the fastest male and female runners will be awarded the title, but everyone who finishes in an hour will receive a medal.

My list of coaches, trainers, doctors and yoga gurus is getting longer as I just added Tim Sanders to my list. Tim is getting me help on the physical therapy and medical aspects of sports. Many elite triathletes, like Ana de Leon-Bruno, Monica Tuason and Yap Aquino, share great tips on the blog www.SwimBikeRun.ph.

Forget time goals

Dan Brown, coach of the Next Step Triathlon Camp Series, shared his tips on forgetting time goals and enjoying the overall experience. As Dan so aptly puts it, "instead what you can control and leave the rest in God's hands."

Fewer couple than Ana and Mikael with me in Kuwait in June. Just recently, Mik got the first bike training sessions I've done, I really need all the advice I can remember.

Bike coach Patrick Jones advised me with my one and only long bike ride to Tagaytay from Alabang. The best thing about the Rondo Rides of coach Patrick is that aside from the medical and mechanical support teams present, photographer Peter Capenas takes action shots all the way.

The bike ride with hydrated thanks to sponsors Powerade and Light Water. I told Patrick in our next bike ride, Magnum would provide Almond Chocolate bars at the top of the mountain.

Olympics-watching

It's really a big sports week for the whole world, what with the London Olympics in full swing. I have been watching the phenom Michael Phelps make Olympic history with his unbelievable number of medals! Thanks to our new Cignal TV connection, I get to watch his record-setting 400-meter swim in HD.

Also available on Cignal is the Food Network HD featuring unbelievable number delights Duck Flower Home with The Neelys and get delicious recipes and cooking tips. I believe that as much as you can train, one needs to eat properly too!

In line with the new commitment of Smart Infinity to give dependable customer service, premium lifestyle packages, perks and privileges to its subs, they have launched monthly lifestyle access packages.

In July, they offered a culinary demo at Enderun Colleges in Taguig, led by chef Thomas Pfeiger. The school's senior culinary lecturer for Restaurant 101. After the class, the lucky subs got to eat the three-course meal prepped by chef Pfeiger.

It's just too bad that Smart Infinity and Globe are unable to offering the culinary demo at the Ironman 70.3 in Cebu, as I'm sure all the triathletes will be working up a great appetite after their swim, bike and run!

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Timex family Gemma Pagalilauan, Piolo Pascual and Sea Princess

TRIPLE triathletes Bethany Pangilinan with brothers Hannah, Danny and Benjamin

TRIATHLETE mom Mariel Lim-Pangilinan with eldest daughter Ella and youngest, Sofoia

FOOD lovers Tristan Chua and Sea Princess at Ironman 2011

CHARISSA Grace Barrido, Ana Abad Santos

ETUE, Kaye and Navy Tinga with chef Thomas Pfeiger

FONDIO Manila riders Bong Gonzalez, Manuel Gonzalez, Tong Lizarraga, Noel de la Merced, Vanessa Calendrino, Joey Saravia, Willie Chongkham, Glenn Calendrino, Arnel Rosales, Leo Perez, Ying Lizarraga, Robin Valdez, Tessa Valdez and Patrick Jacob

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CHARINA Sarte, CJ Jarencio

DEENA de la Cruz, Joana Lapaz

CONNIE Filer, Wanda Lumenlan, Cris Albert, Tina Jacinto

BORGY Manalac and Georgina Wilson with Fila runners

TESSA! Team Prieto-Valdez

Famous architect quits AFM board

From page B1

Meanwhile, artist Andrés Madlangbayan writes an "open letter to the community of artists and cultural workers" after pulling out her works for a homecoming exhibition after her AFM Philippines artist Residency Program (AFM-PAP).

"I was stunned to learn that in the June 6, general assembly and election, there was a drastic change in the composition of the board," Madlangbayan wrote. "How could it be that a person of integrity and principles, who has been such an asset to the organization and who has dedicated active work for the good of the AFM in its ten years of service, was ousted, and in such manner?" she said of Recto. "... It is a sense she created an 'artists for artists' program.

"As the first recipient of AFM-PAP, I had the great privilege of understanding which I could not have gained if not through such a residency. I have expressed to Ms Deanna my commitment to support and actively promote it especially in the region. But now that Deanna has been maliciously removed from the board, what will become of the program? Where will the money which Deanna raised and promised for such purposes and which the board previously agreed to be allotted for the PAP be used for now?"

Abalos ended by saying how she was "saddened by the loss of the home that drummed its own praises and with her its supporters, myself included."

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Sexy. Stimulating. Sage. Survivor

SHARING THE VOICE OF AGE AND WISDOM

Contributing Editor Chin Rocco

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Linguistic chopsuey

A glossary of Chinese words for food that are part of our Pinoy vocabulary

"THE LATE Dancing Dragons of Dragon"

CHINESE presence in the islands has been recorded way before 1521, which accounts for the amount of words of Chinese origin in the native tongues.

In 1776, according to the guild lists, their varied occupations were: merchants, silversmith, wagon maker, rattan maker, dyer, pork dealer, wax dealer, carpenter, cotton worker, soap maker, tobacco dealer, farmer.

Shoemaker, wine trader, silk dealer, lime maker, rice trader, vegetable dealer, druggist, porcelain maker, pencil maker, doctor, stone dealer, cake maker, tile maker.

Also, weaver, tailor, laundry man, cuddler, travelling salesman, broker, milk dealer, sweet shop dealer, hat maker.

Mason, wood-box dealer, barber, sawyer, lumber dealer, locksmith, water carriers, porter, photo par excellence, painter, lamp maker, supporter (seminary?).

Baker, cook, gardener, tin plate dealer, confectioner, keeper of resting house. (None had yet dreamed of being in the Forbes list of Richest Men.)

How are some Chinese words assimilated in our food idiom (H. Otley Beyer):

Ami – a Chinese word for the liquid part of lugaw. Used to be given to babies with an ill stomach.

Ampaw – from *ampao* (envelope): a sweetened, puffed rice, pillow-shaped confection. Also refers to a red paper envelope (containing money) which, if you are lucky, a Chinese friend may give you.

Atighak – exclaim in a word for forecasting native verses

Bacsa – a large Bachinan pod

Bachay – *hati* (internal meat) (Abra) (*pinoso*): pig liver and noodles (in broth)

Batsay – *hati* (internal meat) to (stomach) an (large): a special kind of pork sausage

Bilo – a circle; ball; cube

LINGUISTIC E2

Basilia 'Momsing' Malonzo—turning 101, her life lived in counterpoint

'Di ilibing (Then bury me)'—and with that, she cut short the delicate subject of death hanging in the air

By Jurgette Honculada
Contributor

WHEN MY widowed mother-in-law, Basilia Avelina Malonzo (also called "Momsing" by me and all), turned 95 several years ago, her two US-based daughters started coming home yearly (rather than every other year) just in case it would be her last birthday.

As it happens, longevity is one of Momsing's many gifts and the daughters have kept on coming the past five years and counting—and still she lives. Her birth centenary in Bacolongo City on May 23 last year had all seven children in attendance, plus a score of spo and spo grandchildren in tow.

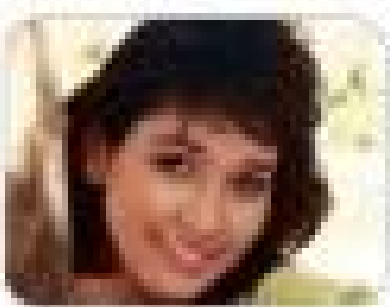
Although her vivid snippets of memory mostly belong to the past, this is my way of paying tribute in a woman I have known for over four decades, not least because I am eternally in her debt for birthing the (in)nocent who would become my helpmeet and soulmate and 30+'s partner (with music, of course, from my father-in-law, deceased musician-composer Antonio Malonzo) in "buying" built churches for over sixty years (Disciples Church of Christ in the Philippines pastor) and, later, camera. Momsing grew gardens,

MAGDA E1

Rosita 'Morning' Makasco–turning 101, her life lived in counterpoint

The pretty face on the TV screen

And how she has come up with, thanks to a first-rate recording



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Linguistic chopsuey

Why I like reality TV

Whether it's standing the test on the jungle or on the Philippines, I'm looking for some redemptive quality in real life

IT'S QUITE THERE

Good old Dr. Smith

re the good old days

It was all about introverts but, Kahlil insisted he never heard of—unlike the latest headlines about deaths from texting that broke his skin cond

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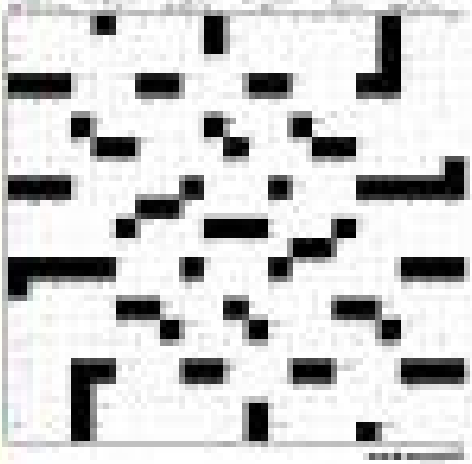

Remembering Medjugorje, 31 years after

June Keithley Castro

SHINE

A LITTLE over a month ago, on June 24, tens of thousands of Marian devotees celebrated the anniversary of an event that, unknown to many, is still having an impact on the world.

It was the 31st anniversary of the appearances of Medjugorje.

Thirty-one years? Has it been that long? In that period of time, much has changed in the world, and it seems, not for the better. Technology may make it seem that we have progressed, but mentally it may be the opposite, and the environment appears to support the fears that the world is in upheaval.

When the Madonna appeared in 1981, tears would flow from her eyes, and she reiterated "peace, peace, peace."

A few years after, a horrifying civil war erupted and divided up what used to be then country of Yugoslavia. Now what remains are separate nations, and Medjugorje, though Croatian in culture and language, is located in what is now known as Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It was essentially a religious conflict: Orthodox Christians, Muslims and Catholics killed, tortured and maimed each other…even those who had been neighbors and friends. Children and elderly were slaughtered, entire villages destroyed.

In all this violence and evil, two pilots remained safe and a source of peace: Medjugorje. In fact, the United Nations made it one of their headquarters, and packed their vehicles and equipment in and around the village. The UN military would often be seen praying in the church.

'Pray, pray, pray'

A bomb was dropped on the plaza in front of the church, but it didn't explode. It landed on its nose directly in the base of the statue of Our Lady of Peace.

The inhabitants of Medjugorje knew they were spared because they took our Lady's messages to heart: 'I am here to tell you that God really does exist'

The inhabitants of Medjugorje knew they were spared because they took our Lady's messages to heart: "pray, pray, pray"; "return to the sacraments"; "I am here to tell you that God really does exist, but that you must be aware that satan works to destroy your peace." The Virgin asked them to renew their faith and work early enough to attend Mass and prayers, urging great blessings and peace would come from this.

I was there (one before last, and it is still one of the most spiritually powerful places I have ever been in. I sat in church for an hour to attend prayers, Mass and benediction. I didn't move, as I was afraid I would lose my seat. The church was standing room only, even in the plaza, and it was so nice to see all the young people deep in prayer.

All the messages given these past 31 years have been documented, and many, many books published and sold, even on Amazon.

One of the films I've read is "The Miracle Investor" by Randall Sullivan. A skeptic and non-believer, he was intrigued by reports of a grieving lady who appeared on a cheap painting owned by a poor Mexican-American family in Oregon. This then led him to research all the various visionaries, the enrollment process, and finally to Medjugorje. The book is well researched, well written and very interesting.

If you have a Kindle or a Kindle app on your computer, you can purchase it from Amazon for about $10, and either order the hard copy or download it and read it on whatever gadget you have. I think it may also be possible to ask Powerbooks or Fully Booked to order it, as well.

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I enjoyed Excita vip class, at all nights. She had excellent down versus and a sexy

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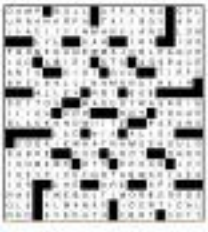

appearance that enhanced her creamy smooth skin, her happy face, her small frame, and of course, beautiful legs.

'Nakaka-in-love'

Her smiles are easy and her eyes bright, disarming people instantly. I began to see the pretty face in all its beautiful details. I became a captive of her femininity and vivaciousness. I was on the brink of closeness, and everything about her was becoming a part of me. Nakaka- in love.

The day she caught a bad cold that kept her in bed with a high fever, I felt with her's ad and extremely caring. I had my favorite Thai restaurant cook for her Tom Yum Goong, the chili hot and pungent sour soup heavy with the aromas of galangal and lemongrass, guaranteed to wipe clean a bad cold. Nothing like a hot, sour soup to nourish the heart of a woman on the throes of falling in love (wink-wink).

When she got well, I tagged along to have Sunday mass at the garden San Sebastian Church. Right after communion, while kneeling beside her, I whispered three words, shaking words, "Will you marry me?" The silence was deafening. My heart froze, unable to die ingenuh-vibrubee! I was scared or daring, humbled or proud.

I paused for occasions the same day and three and yes. I pressed further, I wanted to get married in January, a mere three months away. "Can we hold it next year?" she asked. (answered, "I haven't got much time." (I was 50 going on 51).

We got married in January 1991. A year after, she gave birth to a baby boy, and we named him Nicolito. With Nicolito and Mark, I became a proud father with two boys (raised by Oh Joy, when it rains it rains!

Last January 2011, we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary with a few close friends. Pretty here is as pretty as the face I first saw on the TV screen in 1984.

She's God-sent. Someone to match-cross me…Nakaka-in-love.

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ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) president Ulysses "Boots" Cano (l), awards the plaque of recognition to vice president Frank Evaristo (center), as awards committee chair and former district governor Francisco "Frasco" Ruivas looks on. RCM, the first in Asia, conferred the Rotarian of the Year Award to Evaristo during its general membership meeting recently held at the Manila Polo Club. This is in recognition of Evaristo's outstanding management of the club as vice president, the regular publication of the Balita, his effective reporting of RCM activities, and the continuous enhancement of the club's image in the media for the rotary year 2011-2012.

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'Bourne' red carpet preem tonight

"2003" Blitz's "The Bourne Legacy," the Hollywood action film film's in the country early this year, will have its grand Philippine premiere at the Resorts World Newport Performing Arts Theater tonight. Some of the Filipino actors who are in the film's cast have been invited to grace the event.

SHOWBIZ • P1

Sexy starlet finds match in cute actor

By the Entertainment Staff

SUSHY Starlet is famously insatiable in the bedside bed, she found her match in Handsome hotel.

Although JH and HA have yet to confirm that they are a couple, they've been inseparable, according to insiders. Apparently, SS refuses to let go of HA even after hours in bed.

And HA is happy to oblige! Instead of looking worn and worn, he has gained weight. Perhaps SS feeds HA until after the marathon sessions.

Seems HA wants real change after having a string of gay boyfriends.

Silent lead

Kimberly Sander had a long-standing aversion to Underwood Arenas.

No wonder SA failed in being home a trophy from an award-giving body in which E. was running the prize screens.

According to a mole, JD's show feud with GA started when they were coach

GA CALLING: Hoang, an...7

younger. LA did the unthinkable, managing to upstage JL in a remote project. JL never forgave GA for that.

Cause of delay

Show-biz insider is blamed for the exclusion of Hopday fine from a big affair honoring Industry Icon.

PI was saving to parents' pals to the tribute. According to a mole, PI had rehearsed for the event.

Unfortunately, SJ caused a snafu in PF schedule—as a result of which, PA roamed the streets and her family had to go hunted.

Witch's nose

Many observers agree that Penny Stanley hadn't done anything on her face. Still, she obviously got a nose job.

The comments inducement hitched. The new nose made PE look like a witch.

"It's crooked," a mole pointed out. "Like she's queen of crooks," Ouch.

Inappropriate

As TV crews ran after honeymooners and snapshot hunters pursued their idols,

JUAN Lim Pact a hard go

SEE P1

For Lucy Liu, it hasn't been easy being an Asian-American in H'wood

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
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LUCY Liu, actress born in New York to Chinese immigrants

LOS ANGELES—Lucy Liu is not intimidated by the prospect of being the first female Watson in "Elementary," CBS network's modern retelling of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Sherlock Holmes" detective series. The actress plays Dr. Joan Watson, with Jonny Lee Miller as the iconic Sherlock Holmes, in the drama that finds the crime-solving duo in Manhattan.

"I wasn't discouraged because, for me, a lot of times are firsts times," said Lucy, lovely in a sleeveless shirt dress that was perfect for the warm weather when she sat down with journalists at the Beverly Hilton's Bamboo Lounge terrace. "Being an Asian-American actress is not a particularly easy task. A lot of times we find roadblocks because people are like, 'She can't play so and so's sister, mother or relative. He can't have her in the family. It would make no sense. We'd have to explain it."

The only way

Born in New York to Chinese immigrants, Lucy cited her previous projects as exceptions: "When a women vs. let's say 'Charlie's Angles,' or 'My Girlfriend,' it's easier because people can create something different. A lot of times we look at a role and say, 'That's great, but it's a

JOINT Lee Miller, Angelina's ex

man's role.' We should [change that]... try to think outside the box. That's the only way to forge ahead."

She added Lucy for an update on her experience as an Asian-American actress, especially on television, which does not reflect the true diversity of the American population. For instance, there are still medical dramas that don't have Asian characters despite the fact that US hospitals are running with Asian doctors, nurses and technicians.

"There are struggles [still]," she admitted. "It's like finding a place for yourself. It's hard to represent that on television... because it's a time process. Since the time I started, it's opened quite a lot. Even before Obama was elected, it was like, 'Oh my God, an African-American President—it's outrageous.' Once it's done, it becomes a bit easier easy for people to accept. You have to keep breaking down barriers."

Lucy, who studied Asian Languages and Culture in college but aspired to be an actress, added: "In general, Asians have much quieter cultures. You don't see us waving our flags and screaming. We have a different, quieter way of expressing. We don't voice our opinions as much as Caucasians or African-Americans do... so our voices are not heard as often. Sometimes we're disadvantaged because of that."

Still lucky

But she admitted that she has been "incredibly lucky" in the breaks that have come her way. She stars with Russell Crowe in the Chinese film, "The Man with the Iron Fists," due out in November. Her recent credits include the TV series "Southland" and "Kung Fu Panda 2," where she voiced Tigress.

Even so, Lucy revealed there were many times when she felt like quitting. "I have a very strong team of people behind me that have never given up," she pointed out. "Sometimes I said, 'I can't go on; this is too hard.' They won't let me quit. I think that's the main thing. You need to have somebody who really gives you encouragement. Encouraging words really go a long way... My parents don't do that very often... because they don't express themselves in that way."

Lucy—who is also a visual artist and goes by the pseudonym Yi Ling—went to China for the first time in 1994 when she won a grant to study in her parents' homeland. The grant was based on her mixed-media shoes in Arabia.

Very confusing

"I had an idea what China was like," she recalled. "But when I got there, it was completely different. I began to re-

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PALAWAN

Sexy starlet finds match...

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actress Janice de Belen made clear her intention to keep the wake of Comedy King Dolphy solemn.

At the album launch, Angeline approached Janice for a photograph. She declined, without thinking twice, and explained: "You are here to have my picture taken. It's inappropriate."

She may have lost an admirer there, but kudos to Janice for standing her ground.

Meanwhile, the sun is out in Jose Javier Reyes' "Miss Movie-ning Lyan" and wide-brimmed hat Cinemalaya fest actress Dolphy for it. Bravo!

Grown-up Bieber

LOS ANGELES—Canadian pop star Justin Bieber has pulled out the Hollywood stops in his latest video for the single "As Long As You Love Me," making a sort of mini-film showing his grown-up side.

Bieber, 18, co-starred gritty actor Michael Madsen ("Pulp Fiction," "Reservoir Dogs") as a guy that disappearing father of his love interest in the club music video, which was recently released.

The video, which debuted online on Wednesday, features car chases, fights, steamy dances and steamy romance set against the LA skyline. —Reuters

SARAH Geronimo: A HOOT

LUCY Liu and Johnny Lee Miller in "Elementary Holmes"

For Lucy...

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ally understand my parents and myself since I was in the country. I think I had gone where I was younger because I was torn between who and what I was supposed to be—should I be an American girl or a Chinese girl? I was being told one thing at home, and then when I was in school, there was different behavior from other people, so it was so confusing.

She added: "I understood the traditions of Chinese more, and that helped me connect with my parents. It allowed me to understand their way of communication, which was silent communication. I could have said that much earlier, when I was younger, especially when I was a teenager trying to express myself.

"I was trying to get feedback and I was not getting it. Sometimes if you get a question of being there, being supportive, sometimes what they're trying to express is that they're very proud of you, without actually saying it. It took me a long time to get there, but I remember that very vividly."

...

She'll feature Jenny in a separate episode, but leaves hints on when and if he will crossed paths with ex-wife Angelina Jolie, and if they stayed in touch. "It's difficult not to [stay in touch]. You're still in touch and we are friendly."

(E-mail the columnist at rmorquio_FMR@yahoo.com. Follow him at http://twitter.com/rmorquio_fmr.)

ELMO Magalona: Working on remedies

ZIA Zia Padilla has it today on "ELMO"

Top of Bandera

The top shots for scores in the heavyhitting Bandera road relay we are current. (Pace yer mamedy!)

■ Ate Ti grate dare team ang aroot sa ropa? Lick of matukoy ang wara, samakil-en na sa GT store. (Wanlot: "The Hotdog.")

■ Anot sa Janice de Belen tinaguor nga ha si Charlene Gonzales? (How a close pseudo?)

■ Dark Knaguy tumpod ang pangot ng sa London. Oh-eon sa Olympic gold?!

■ Elmo Magalona nagpaanlit na ng balasoso. Jake dane panlot na ra. (Wasn't the rock?)

■ Ito Gullon aorat undanon ang kaibanan ni Heidi. (All he has to do is look in the mirror.)

■ Ariel Villasanta! Anoh ako makbang pone dkong tot!

■ Mitzi, Janca, "friends with benefits" ang drama? (The x-rs-bestido.)

■ JC de Vera nare nanamuds sa lachon kara ngai babae. (Hinkes-dikkels.)

■ Gladys Reyes nakaryeme ang mall na sa "Game N Go" ng TV5 (at least she could walk after that.)

■ Mitzie walang fashion-shoot na sa-mon na opon si Maja. (Ok, ba-dala'y pa-ito mamo?)

■ Una Lim, tiket ju ako mearning cool (Gara cool.)

■ Jacob mai mayabi ju a tobot. Hoapang Dimas dat kon konversasin. (We're starting to think that's the way bands like it... a-ha, solos!)

■ Ete pone ju bonicun, hanging nag pa bonus. (Like a pet?)

'Bourne'...

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Among these actors, who bagged small roles in the Hollywood film, are Arlo Arcilla, Lou Veloso, Madeleine Nicolas, Emmi Concepcion, Archie Adamos, Ruby Ruiz, Jenny Garcia, Bong Cabrera, Rudy Alfonso, Andoy Ranay, Emilio Jose Castillo and Joel Torre.

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HANIT Dayrit (right corner) shines a clip from the enhanced footage during Mara Zanoza

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SAN DIEGO—Julie Bowen, on why reality TV may be her next stop: "It's a good outlet for what I do—personal stories [that] usually involve family. They have equal amounts of comedy and drama, sometimes an absurdist twist. I like constructing complex characters and seeing this sort of tapestry of how they interact with each other over time to do it." AP

Restoring 'Himala'

ABS-CBN Archives teams up with Central Digital Lab to save Bernal classic; next, 'Oro, Plata, Mata'

By Rigoni San Diego Jr.

TWO DECADES ago, it would have cost P15 million to restore an old movie, but with digital technology, the cost of saving our cinematic gems has become less prohibitive.

Lee Kintghol, head of ABS-CBN Film Archives, had always wanted to upgrade the network's library, home to such classics as Peque Gallaga's "Oro, Plata, Mata" and Ishmael Bernal's "Himala." He recalled, "It always boiled down to a question of cost."

Then he met with Master Dayrit, head of Central Digital Lab, who had taken up as a pet project the digital restoration of "Himala."

Solutions

"Ten years, we had been doing tests, figuring out ways to make the process less expensive, less time-consuming and less labor-intensive," Dayrit related.

Last year, the teams found the solution.

ABS-CBN and Central Digital Lab pitted eighteen and another 3,000 titles in the archive's 35-film vaults—beginning with "Himala," starring Nora Aunor, which marks its 30th anniversary this year, said Kintghol.

To crank the version, the film's restored and High Definition version will have its world premiere at the Venice film fest this month. "We have big plans," Kintghol said. "Since it's now on HD and DCP (Digital Cinema Package) format, we can release 'Himala' theatrically, too." Eventually, it can be shown on pay-TV and cable, and released on DVD as part of something like a "Criterion Collection-for-local-films," Kintghol added.

Technicians worked on "Himala" for 750 hours.

Frame by frame

The process started by scanning the 35mm print's frame by frame. Once it completed, "We reassured 'them' that it were different prints, using the machine Grand Millennium 2. Some prints had missing scenes. Some were damaged. We had to look for the best ones."

Two scene restoration artists (Ana Feliciano and Nigel del Rosario) and a color correction expert (Richard Fresnoza) then commenced work. First, Kintghol said, "they removed fingerprints marks and scratches."

Restoration experts also need to watch out for molds. Dayrit added, "Luckily, since

MORE NEWS, G2

Eula Caballero: Confidence is the key

'It will make the seemingly impossible doable'

By Allan Policarpio
Contributor

CONFIDENCE, see inevitable in showbiz. And while flattered, twice-this Eula Caballero admitted that she feels pressured almost being seen by some as TV5's answer to ABS-CBN's Kathryn Bernardo or Julia Montes.

"Both Kath and Julia have come a very long way since their 'Gote Buddy' days. How can I possibly measure up to them?" Eula said in a recent interview.

Good thing, Eula gets much-needed confidence boosts from co-workers, such as Lorna Tolentino, who has even awarded the younger actress' talent. They star in the new horror series, "Third Eye."

Star-struck

Although she's trailing her Kapamilya counterparts in terms of exposure, Eula's resume is nothing to scoff at. At 18, she has three drama series ("The Sisters," "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan" and "Kambal, Karibal") and a movie ("Swardspeak: Today and Tomorrow") to her credit.

Still, Eula—proud winner of Most

Eula Caballero

search "Star Bucks"—can't help being star-struck when meeting industry luminaries. She recalled working with Medical Tolentino for the first time on "Seven Day."

"She looks younger in person and was very humble and supportive of me," Eula said. "She's also incredible in dramatic scenes. Ang lalim ng pinagdadaanan niya ay emotions. There were times when she would still tremble even after a scene had already ended."

Self-confidence

As DVS gears to expand its pool of stars via a new talent search, "Artista Academy," does Eula feel cautious about competing with a slew of fresh faces?

"Not really," she said. "It's up to me to do even better in my projects, and continue growing as an artist."

Confidence is the key, she stressed. And this goes out to all celebrity hopefuls.

"You can't be good at everything, but confidence will make the seemingly impossible doable," said Eula, who looks up to Bea Alonzo as her idol.

She added, "I always believe in myself ... that I can do whatever [it requires] of me."

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WORKING PEOPLE

Editor Jesse Francis N. Robredillo

Transformational leadership for business and government, including the Supreme Court

LEADERS COME AND GO. Some are born, others are made. Over time, their effectiveness is felt not just on account of what they are, but by what value they create. The challenges, the environments and the people they lead help catapult to being not the best or worst leaders.

Increasingly organizations derive their valuation from the collective power of knowledge assets. This is so much contrast to an old bias to favor of physical assets in the sun to distant past. Today, brands, intellectual property, collaborative partnerships, people capabilities, and similar these valuable intangible assets. Human capital or people committed to and invested in the success of an organization is the single greatest asset. To enhance human capital and remain competitive, organizations must choose leaders who have proven abilities to become leaders and other executives, face the challenges, and succeed in the changing environment.

Environment

We live today in a critical environment, whether we are to business, government or social enterprise. Like it or not, but live in a new era of "clips and bytes and brinkmanship". The internet, in this, is the key to it. Physical assets tie up cash. Intellectual power and technology create more wealth.

Leaders today are confronted with environmental issues - global warming, water quality, rapid supply, and emergence of technical problems. Geopolitical issues and the looming lordship of China in markets, sports and politics are major constraints in world, national and business leaders. Terrorism is not a distant issue but affects leaders and organizations.

At the same time, new skills in foreign appear in the horizon. Advances in logistics, global financing, ICT (information and communication technology), and shifting workforce demographics call for opportunities for leaders today.

Against this backdrop, I am inclined to believe that human resources per se are not the most important asset of any organization or nation. It should be LEADERSHIP. Nations and organizations today need leaders that can successfully harness opportunities, prevail over challenges and perils, and succeed in bringing the nation or organization to a vision of a better tomorrow.

New leadership

During Arelis the Hun's time, the leader was the strongest fighter among the barbarians. In the heydays of manufacturing, the production engineer was king. In the shifting market, the wily and creative market manipulator was the lord of the ring. In a fast changing environment like today and the years to come, the expertise to lead change will be the most valued skill for leaders.

Transformational leadership is what many nations, government agencies, organizations and businesses need today and in the future.

There is no permanent, creativity and longevity have been rendered irrelevant by the market today. Consider everyone to age old traditions in a fast changing world could prove a hindrance for leadership. Leaders today and in the future must have the willingness to learn and adapt quickly.

Knowledge today has very limited shelf life. Some of what is true in your first year in profession will become obsolete by the time you become a lawyer, or judge or finance executive. Therefore, today must be committed to personal learning. They too, must have the ability to generate a "buzz" about learning throughout their organizations.

Leadership requisites

Last week, the Philippine Society of Fellows (SOF) to People Management had a short meeting. SOF President Ric Abadiano, Past President Ethel Garcellan, Vice President Virgie Mendoza, and I (as Chair, SOF Advocacy Committee) discussed how we can position the Society to Fellows in the ongoing selections for the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. We listed a few requisites for the incoming Chief Justice, such as character, integrity, independence that can withstand pressures, and transformational leadership. We dropped the usual qualifications such as seniority and age in the Court and other previously desirable traits. Obviously, this is the position adopted by the majority, composed of 100 or so top thought leaders in the human resources management profession. All, if not most, of the SOF members are experts in talent identification, selection, and development. Many of us have shared with our CEOs the dismay and at ensuring leadership continuity in our organizations.

My transformational leadership, we usually mean the ability to lead and transform organizations into high-performing ones. We also mean executives that manage for the long term. Many successful organizations today continue to develop transformational leadership in their executive team. We believe that this should be the ideal in selection including the Supreme Court, in good mind. Hopefully, the next CJ will be a transformational leader versed on, among others, the following:

- **Ethics management.** Total corruption, retaliation, and other unethical practices should be high in the leader's agenda. Leaders must have the unique ability to identify, recruit, utilize and reward great talents. This unique ability is a talent in itself. Talent is the mind DNA of a high performing organization. The Supreme Court competes with other legal or illegal organizations in the last bastion of democracy. Let's not be naive — some go elsewhere for redress of grievances that daily-contaminated reports about corruption. With advances in communication, people demand more transparency and feedback. Organizations cannot remain secular, secluded and inclusive. In fact, competitive advantage is enhanced with the ability to build powerful networks.
- **Strategic change.** Leaders today must build agile, perceptive and responsive organizations. Perhaps, the best way is to enhance in the minds of the people that they represent an organization firm in continuity or contravention. Leaders must ask, "What is our business and value proposition? Do we need to change our business model? The problem with most people in power or in the verge of taking power, tend to lose the need when a revolt against tradition sets in. In strategic transformation, the status quo could change and the leader must be prepared for the benefit of the overall organization.
- **Culture change.** Culture plays a vital role in organizational transformation. Culture can be a barrier or facilitator. You could cultivate change when your organization or agency is like an aquarium polluted with algae. The trick is to throw away the contaminants and retain the positive influence in your culture. Transformational leaders must understand the role played by culture in any change effort, and must not throw away the entire aquarium.

Selecting the king's magistrate

History is replete with kings smart enough to place and hire the right magistrates. Chief magistrates play vested roles during vested times. The requisites for the selection is variably change with the time and the environment. Chief magistrates must offer sage advice on emerging political landscape, amidst changing strengths of other ramifies and homefound vulnerabilities. The magistrate is also the king's eyes and ears for seeing and interpreting the subtle intricacies of the king's court.

In the past, kings made informed choices by asking some questions. Who can be trusted? Who needs careful watching? Who went wrong primarily in their self-interest? Who can be the issue of season? Who has broad perspective on emerging issues? When needed, who can stand up and serve as the king's conscience?

There are a couple of ways a king usually handles the selection process. If the king wants to maintain the status quo, he would reward chief magistrate somewhat who have loyalty, seniority and the ability to preserve the status quo. When the king is trying to make a radical shift away from the usual practices and culture, he would set up a catalyst of change and appoint someone outside the usual circle of argument, but someone strong enough to meet emerging challenges and bring the organizations in a different direction. Such is the case.

The choice of the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is both strategic and tactical, in the light of recent events within the Court, in the country and the rest of the world. We need more than a legal mind to lead the highest court. We already have an overload of that in the associate justices.

Sun Tzu warned, "Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat."

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ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Ernie O. Cecilio

Fruits of responsible governance

RECENTLY, I FLEW TO BOHOL to join the officers and staff of the Institute of Asian Solidarity in their boat camp, participated by the government leaders responsible for introducing and executing governance innovations in their institutions.

Customer delight

At the airport, my colleagues and I were greeted by the Amico, a friendly representative who welcomed us with warm greetings. He presented us with a cold towel, mints and bottled water. What a pleasant customer surprise to receive the small things that will quench thirst, refresh our mouth, face and hands. All in a place like Bohol, so far away.

Upon arrival at the resort we were greeted at the reception with a welcome drink and then helped to our rooms. The room was fit for a king with a jacuzzi pool. Lunch was delicious. There, I told myself, I have to meet the resort's general manager to find out the secrets of such wonderful service.

Personal performance scorecards

I proceeded after to the conference room where the boot camp was on going. In was Executive was facilitating the development and sharing of the personal governance scorecards. It was very touching to hear the stability of the mission and core values of each of those who volunteered to share. Listening to them I realized how steadfast and generous most of our government officials and employees are. I felt the contentment for good governance is favorably yet quietly happening and spreading.

L-EARNING MOMENTS

Tito Dalit Pinongan

Organization development

The next day it was my turn to act as resource person. It was a joy to share with them those tools and techniques for organization development and managing change. Another Ateneo colleague talked about effective project management. After my presentation, I felt the leaders approached me to say that indeed, organization development is the missing part of the puzzle towards effective implementation of the government scorecard.

I realized how open the minds of the government leaders were to new ideas. Their questions were interesting and challenging. Sharing knowledge and experiences with them are an awesome ground through dinner and breakfast and even at the sidelines.

Then, my mind went back to the management of Amoria Inc. sort. I got an appointment with James Sua (Suga), who happens not only to be the General Manager of the resort, but also the regional manager of the company. Other owners are soon expanding resorts in the region).

James started with me his story. He was a graduate of Communications Arts Univ. UST. He served with Equitable Bank, and then found himself enjoying being part of Discovery Suites. He also had a stint as an OFW in Dubai. He retired before at Amoria (a name he derived from words of endearment in Spanish), left, and there was invited back.

Touch hearts

What are the secrets of good service according to James? One, he loves his animals. He says he is very good in discerning based on an interview if a person has the positive attitudes. Then he gave one of his way to train and impart everything he learned. Two, he touches the hearts of employees by remembering their birthdays and anniversaries. One hotel representative shared his dream of becoming a chef. So when a vacancy in the kitchen occurred he reassigned the person who is "truly thinking on the job".

The challenges as a resort manager are related to business concerns like managing valley resort such as electricity with occasional brown outs, managing garbage service with his strong commitment to protecting and preserving the environment.

Supportive local government

What delights him is the supportive local governments. He is happy that over the years, activities of owners are soon expanding and businesses have changed before the local officials is "what is mine is mine, what is yours is yours". Now the mindset is to expand to more cooperation and collaboration.

I realized talking to James that the excellent service comes from good governance. Indeed the theme of Bohol Governor's is true, "making governance as a social responsibility" works.

Now comes the synthesis of my trip. We arrived at the departure area with time to spare. Our companions, as fights, no arrow. There were 3 flights leaving with time intervals of 30 minutes. Then the crowding. And the airport was under repair at that time. The new side was a haven land of blind persons holding on songs that provided some relief.

Here I dream that to our wonderful islands has still include enjoying the fruits of consistent good governance in all sectors and in all places. Wait, I want to enjoin the good governance model will soon flow — a trigger, before airport.

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Food for loyalty

By Teresa R. Tuzon, OCDS

MANY YEARS BACK, A SUPERIOR CASUALLY SAID TO ME: "If you want people to be loyal to you, feed them." To a considerable extent I heeded this to the letter, as I subsequently observed in my place of work then — people tended to be more open on those occasions. Then I forgot. The boss who generously treated them to an occasional lunch or ordered pizza for merienda gained loyal and cooperative followers. He may have been far from ideal, and in fact he was at odds with many other managers, but a elder's answer to his followers. To them, he was always right...I thought this was a rather manipulative way to view friends or subordinates, treating human beings like animals to be trained for a dress, entertaining them with food in exchange for obedience and good behavior.

This reminder came to mind as I read today's gospel where in our supermarkets the crowd which followed Him not because they saw signs but because they "ate the loaves and were filled". In today's workaday world, it is tempting to take the easy road to contentment by "selling out". Politicians buy our votes, businessmen bribe politicians, and be unconvenience we ordinary people bribe civil servants and law enforcers. Do we follow the Jesus who taught us how to live? Or do we give him our lip loyalty because his generosity reflects the benevolence of a God who promises us eternal life?

Hunger and satisfaction is something we have in common with animals, but striving for the fulfillment that food and other pleasures cannot bring is more alone as human beings created in God's image. When we acknowledge this human striving and attend to its fulfillment in our daily toil, we become excellent professionals. We may still enjoy "lunches and picnics with the Boss, but he will expect us because he cannot buy our souls.

Gospel: John 6: 24-35
Do not work for food
But perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father,
God, has set his seal.

Work-skills with a soul

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

ONE OF MY MOST CONSOLING EXPERIENCES AS A YOUNG priest was when I brought a group of out-of-school youth to be trained in some industrial skills for employment in a big manufacturing company. I observed the joy and excitement on the faces of those men as they were troubleshooting and potential social problems. I sensed the new workers' feeling of self-confidence as they became productive members of society self-sufficient in their needs and those of their families. I was happy to know that I was instrumental in helping them work to provide for their temporal needs. But, as a priest, I was concerned also in helping them learn how to work for food for their souls.

The training we gave the young workers was highly competitive in technical skills and in attitudinal formation components. The young trainees were equipped with sufficient knowledge and skills to become very efficient and effective workers. At the same time, they were made to understand the true meaning and real purpose of human life, and its proper fulfillment which rests only in God our Creator. Sufficient emphasis and time, therefore, was spent on forming in the young workers good values and guiding them through spiritual experiences meant to enrich them with wisdom and meaningfulness that would inevitably act to in the actual work situation.

These young workers were taught and formed in what we called "technology with soul", a kind of technical training that makes a worker soundly human and spiritual, and protects him from becoming like a mere machine or tool in the production system. It instilled in their mind the need for continued nurturing of their spiritual life so that their work would have an everlasting and not just an economic value.

Reading 1: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Gospel: John 6:41-51
Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the bread that came down from heaven."
They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"
Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves.
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him,
and I will raise him on the last day.
It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God.
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.
Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God;
he has seen the Father.
Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died.
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"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give me at that day." 2 Tim 4:8

Her remains lie in state at National Memorial Homes, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Interment is on August 7, 2012, Tuesday, at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City at 10:00 AM.

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Psalm 23:4

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4:7

RESTITUTO REYES LERMA

joined the Lord on August 3, 2012 at the age of 69.

His wife; children Richie & Karen, Junji, Paolo and Raffy; grandsons Joaquin and Diego, request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Juan, East Greenhills.

Funeral mass will be on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Cremation will follow.

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City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan

INVITATION TO BID

The San Jose del Monte City Water District (SJDMC WD) will receive sealed bids at SJDMC WD Main Office located at Road 1, Brgy Minuyan, Sapang Palay City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan on August 17, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the sale of six (6) lt. unserviceable IT items described below:

LOT NO.	VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	FLOOR PRICE
1	1998 Isuzu Elf NKR 4BB1 Engine Double Tire	1 unit	P130,000.00
2	1990 Isuzu Crosswind SUV M/T Diesel	1 unit	P70,000.00

Further, the above-mentioned vehicles will be open for public viewing every August 3-16, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday only, and on August 17, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Water District Main Office Compound. Interested bidders may personally obtain the bid forms upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of P500.00 to the Committee Disposal Committee Secretariat, San Jose del Monte City Water District.

Moreover, the SJDMC WD reserves the right at any time to its discretion to reject any and all bids, to waive minor or formality therein, and to consider only such bids as may be advantageous to the Water District.

Further particulars may be obtained at SJDMC WD Main Office at Telephone Nos. (044) 815-0370 / (02) 352-0000.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. EXEQUIEL P. AGAPITO**
Chairman Disposal Committee

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- At least 2 yrs. six months work related experience
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  Preferred Skills: System Design, Networking Skills, Practical knowledge on common office productivity tools
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Notice is hereby given that **MR. ALDRIN E. ESPINOSA** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **PEDIAPHARMA, INC.** effective August 2, 2012.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2530 to 2534 of the TCCP, as amended, in relation to CMO 15-2002 dated March 13, 2002, as AMENDED by CMO 10-2007 dated 26 November 2007, there will be Public Auction Sale through SEALED BIDDING, at its warehouse(s) more fully described hereunder, on **August 11, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.** to be held at the 2nd Floor, MICP Building, Marsman Drive, North Reclamation Area, Manila, those goods/articles/effects/vehicles/vessels/cargoes which shall be available for viewing on **August 7 & 10, 2012**, in the event of a failed bidding, the second auction shall be conducted on the 2nd consecutive day following the first bidding.

Lot No. 34-10 Make: HONDA XRV Twin Spar S/ P NO. 207-2008 *Acknowledgement *to be advised to Date of Arrival: 2009 Price Price: Php180,000.00	Owner of Lot: Jaime CRMO Jesup Chandeleur Lamado, A.K.A. Jaime Jesup Lamado Description: Honda XRV Twin Spar, Motorcycle, Color: Black, Engine Number: 1P52FMH-2008, Chassis Number: MH1RC5210AK207208, Declared Value: Php180,000.00 Location: ICTSI CY, Cabin 8 Stack
Lot No. 34-11 Make: HONDA XRV Twin Spar S/ P NO. 207-2008 *Acknowledgement *to be advised to Date of Arrival: 2009 Price Price: Php180,000.00 Note: All units are brand new, serviceable, mostly damaged during the transit and not 100% tracking	Description: Honda XRV Twin Spar, Motorcycle, Color: Black, Engine Number: 1P52FMH-2008, Chassis Number: MH1RC5210AK207208, Declared Value: Php180,000.00 Location: ICTSI CY, Cabin 8 Stack
Lot No. 34-12 Make: HONDA XRV Twin Spar S/ P NO. 207-2008 *Acknowledgement *to be advised to Date of Arrival: 2009 Price Price: Php180,000.00	Owner of Lot: Jaime CRMO Jesup Chandeleur Lamado, A.K.A. Jaime Jesup Lamado Description: Honda XRV Twin Spar, Motorcycle, Color: Black, Engine Number: 1P52FMH-2008, Chassis Number: MH1RC5210AK207208, Declared Value: Php180,000.00 Location: ICTSI CY, Cabin 8 Stack
Lot No. 34-13 Make: HONDA XRV Twin Spar S/ P NO. 207-2008 *Acknowledgement *to be advised to Date of Arrival: 2009 Price Price: Php180,000.00	Owner of Lot: Jaime CRMO Jesup Chandeleur Lamado, A.K.A. Jaime Jesup Lamado Description: Honda XRV Twin Spar, Motorcycle, Color: Black, Engine Number: 1P52FMH-2008, Chassis Number: MH1RC5210AK207208, Declared Value: Php180,000.00 Location: ICTSI CY, Cabin 8 Stack
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Lot No. 34-15 Make: HONDA XRV Twin Spar S/ P NO. 207-2008 *Acknowledgement *to be advised to Date of Arrival: 2009 Price Price: Php180,000.00	Owner of Lot: Jaime CRMO Jesup Chandeleur Lamado, A.K.A. Jaime Jesup Lamado Description: Honda XRV Twin Spar, Motorcycle, Color: Black, Engine Number: 1P52FMH-2008, Chassis Number: MH1RC5210AK207208, Declared Value: Php180,000.00 Location: ICTSI CY, Cabin 8 Stack

Terms and Conditions of Public Auction:

1. Filing of Bidder's Registration Form (with name, address and TIN) of bidder (two (2) days prior to the day of auction.
2. Payment of Php1,000.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable).
3. Posting of any sealed bid from such manager's check or official cashier's check) equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of the bid price for each vessel. The bond shall be enclosed in the bidding letter after the bidding of the vessel. The bond shall be non-interest, as required under the Rules prior of a sale for a base bid. Ten Thousand Pesos (P 10,000.00).
4. Registration on the logbook for registered bidders indicating the name, address and TIN in accordance with the CMO. ACCEPTANCE (7) day before the date of auction bidding until exactly an hour immediately preceding the time of actual bidding thereafter registration is closed.
5. Submission of all participants, properties indicated in paragraph, together with the Bidder's Registration Form the official cash receipt and the Customs Bonded Warehouse Receipt duly stamped and countersigned by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) with a validated fee payment made thereon.
6. Auction is to be conducted through the sealed bids shall be submitted and opened in public by the Auction Committee as a time, date and place specified in the notice of auction sale. The highest bid shall be declared winning bid, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.
7. In passing, occurs when the difference between the highest price the second highest bid is within ten percent (10%) of the highest bid. In such cases, an open bidding shall be conducted among the bidders of the particular sale (if who are present) with the highest bid starting as the new floor price. Only bids raised by those present at the time shall be considered valid. Thereafter, the highest bid shall be declared the winner. Any bid submitted subsequently to the fulfillment of the said round and any personal made and registration shall be declared as void ab initio.
8. Payment of highest bidder in cash or manager's check or bank draft equivalent (20%) of the bid price on the spot upon pronouncement of the winning bid as duly certified to by the Auction Committee and the COA representative. The remaining balance (80%) shall be paid on the succeeding business day.
9. Payments with bidder's Manager's Check / Cash to the BANK DEPOSIT shall be the following:
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   b. For the account of the Bureau of Customs.
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10. In failed bidding shall be declared by the Auction Committee when any of the following circumstances occurs:
    a. When there is only one bidder but the same need not be opened.
    b. When there are no bidder and auctioneer is only one bidder than the floor price.
    c. When the highest bidder fails to comply with any of the requirements hereof, said bidder shall be disqualified from participating further in the auction sale and when applicable, the negotiated sale shall be awarded to the bidder/s of the said round and any personal made and registration shall be declared as void ab initio.
11. When a failed bidding is declared, the sale to could be offered in a second auction at no more no less than ten days after the failed bidding or on the same floor price without need of further advertisement. In case of cancellation period, the second auction shall be conducted on the first business day following the first failed bidding.

For further details, please contact Hector C. Calamba, CIC, Auction and Cargo Disposal Division, MICP, Tel. No. 245-4141 loc. 4166 or 4167/4671.

(Sgd.) ATTY. ALEJANDRO N. MILLAMENA, CESO III
Deputy Commissioner of Customs

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August 06, 2012

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

	Name and Address of Company/ Employer	Name and Citizenship of Foreign National	Position and Brief Description of Functions
1.	FURUKAWA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS (BOSH PHILS., INC. Laguna Technopark Binan, Laguna	Mr. Noboru Yamada/ Japanese	Vice President and Treasurer
2.	MAJUBE PHILIPPINES, INC. Lot 5, GPIZ, Cabuyao, Laguna	Mr. Hideo Tanaka/ Japanese	General Manager
3.	SHIMANO MANUFACTURING PHILIPPINES, INC. #128, Diamond Rd., Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga	Mr. Takeshi Miyamoto/ Japanese	Director, General Manager
4.	SAFETRON PHILIPPINES, INC. Governor's Drive, Brgy. Palapala, Dasmariñas City, Cavite	Mr. Lester Yang/ Chinese	Marketing Technician
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7.	TENGLONG PHILIPPINES, INC. #123, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Yijing Luo/ Chinese	Production Advisor
8.	MEIWEI (WEIHAI) CORPORATION #123, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Wenhuili/ Chinese	Material Coordinator
9.	FILIPINAS GREEN SOLUTION INCORPORATED (FGSI), INC. 3/RF, Orange Commercial Condominium, Makati	Mr. Takashi Nagashima/ Japanese	President
10.	TAK TOOLS CORPORATION #123, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Takayuki Matsumoto/ Japanese	Sales Manager
11.	TAK TOOLS CORPORATION #123, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Hiroki Takahashi/ Japanese	President
12.	LETOZ WIRES COMPANY PHILIPPINES, INC. Brgy. San Isidro, Calamba, Laguna	Mr. Sanjiv Misra/ Chinese	Site Director
13.	LETOZ WIRES COMPANY PHILIPPINES, INC. Brgy. San Isidro, Calamba, Laguna	Mr. Ranajit Dangi/ Chinese	Supply and Equipment Manager

If you have any information/objection & the above-mentioned application/s, please communicate with the Regional Director.

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PRC Enhanced Persistent Organic Pollutant (POPs) Management Project (GEF Grant No.: TF090810)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTANT SERVICES)

The Philippines ratified the Stockholm Convention (SC) on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in February 1, 2006 thereby committing itself to the reduction and elimination of POPs. The country became an Official Party to the SC on May 27, 2006. The Philippine National Implementation Plan (NIP), which outlines the country's implementation strategies and action program, was submitted to the SC coordinator on June 16, 2006.

The Government of the Philippines (GoP) requested assistance from the World Bank and Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the formulation of a project to assist the country meet its obligations under the Stockholm Convention. This project, PRC Integrated Persistent Organic Pollutants Management Project (IPOPs Project) was approved by GEF at US$5.66 million. The IPOPs Project is a five-year project to start in June 30, 2010 and effective by September 30, 2010. The project will be for a period of five (5) years.

The objective of the IPOPs Project is to assist the Philippines meet its obligations under the Stockholm convention, for Annex A, Part II; Annex B, Part II; and Annex C, Part III, namely: 1. Unintentional Releases (UPOPs), and relative to Annex B, sustainable practices. It further aims to contribute to the development of capacity for the sound management of chemicals in the Philippines, in general.

The Project has five components, namely: (1) Strengthening the Regulatory Framework and Capacity-Building for POPs Management; and Monitoring; (2) Reduction of releases of Unintentionally Produced POPs; (3) Environmentally Sound Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); (4) Identification, Characterization, and Risk Reduction of POPs Contaminated Sites; and (5) Project Management.

The GOP intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Contract of Services for Short Term Individual Consultant to: 1. International Consultant (UPOPs), and relative to Article 5, sustainable practices. It further aims to contribute to the development of capacity for the sound management of chemicals in the Philippines, in general.

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The GOP intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Contract of Services for Short Term Individual Consultant to: 1. International Consultant (UPOPs); one inventory validation consultancy firms to undertake their national monitoring the services. International consultancy firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the assignment. Similar assignments of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (current edition).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by 4:00 p.m. on August 20, 2012.

ANGELO REYES, JR.
Chairperson, State and Agency Committee for Foreign Assistance
Projects (SAC-FASP)
Manila

Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh
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(Sgd.) ROMEO RIO L. BAÑARES, JR.
Director, Policy and Planning
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(000—August 5, 2012)

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INVITATION TO BID FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS IT EQUIPMENT FOR PRO VIII CY 2012
ITB 12-07-19

PhilHealth Regional Office No. VIII (PRO VIII), through its Bids and Awards Committee, invites all interested supplier / bidder to submit their bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	Procurement of various IT Equipment for PRO VIII CY 2012
Location	within the jurisdiction of PhilHealth Regional Office VIII
Brief Description	Procurement of various IT equipment which includes the following Barcode scanner (2 units), Desktop PC for IT applications (10 units), Desktop PC standard (29 units), LAN Tester (1 unit), Network Switch (24 Ports) (1 unit) and Network Printer (5 units)
Approved Budget for the Contract	P2,045,000.00
Delivery Period	within 30 days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check as well as the Preliminary Examination of bids shall use "passed/fail" criteria. Post qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and reviewing, the Bidding Performance Capacity, Pre-Bid Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Revised R.A. 9184, its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

The complete schedule of activities is listed as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Pre-Bid Conference	August 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Submission of Bids	August 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Supplemental conference (if any)	August 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
4. Bid Opening/Evaluation	August 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (Venue to be announced)
5. Notice of Award	Within 7 days after the Bid Opening

Bid documents will be available to prospective bidders only upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P5,000.00 to the cashier of PRO VIII, 7th St. PhilHealth Regional Office No. VIII, Brgy. 88, Tacloban City, Leyte. Only supplier/bidder who purchased bid documents will be allowed to attend the pre-bid conference.

(Sgd.)
ATTY. ANALIZA R. TEH
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

For more information, refer to:
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(000—August 5, 2012)

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PHOC

INVITATION TO BID

PHOC Explosives Corporation (PHOCEC), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites all interested eligible bidders to bid for the following project:

Project Name	Supply and Delivery of Ammonium Nitrate Prill Blasting Agent (Bulk) and Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion Blasting Agent (Bulk)
Project Description	The Supply and delivery of Ammonium Nitrate Prill Blasting Agent (Bulk) and Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion Blasting Agent (Bulk)
Project and Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Seven Million Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Pesos (Php7,563,000.00) inclusive of VAT, FOB at the Magazine Area of PHOCEC in Norzagaray, Bulacan, or at any other place designated by PHOCEC
Project Duration	Three (3) years or upon consummation of the total contract amount of Seven Million Pesos

Prospective bidders should have completed within the last three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. Similar shall be completed, design and completed within the period of contract by the prospective bidder. The prospective bidder must submit the following: Duly accomplished Eligibility Check and Preliminary Examination of Bids using the appropriate Bids and Awards Committee Resolution; Valid and current Mayor's/Business Permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located; Valid and current Tax Clearance per Executive Order 398, Series of 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR); Valid and current Philippine Government Registration certificate (SEC, DTI or CDA);

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INVITATION TO BID FOR
Rehabilitation and Development of Estero De Sampaloc (Segment 1, Station 0+000 to Station 0+131 = 131 linear meters) and (Segment 2, Station 0+000 to Station 0+563 = 563 linear meters)

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, through the FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (R.A. No. 10155) intends to apply the sum of the Thirty Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos Only (Php 32,300,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero de Sampaloc (Segment 1, Station 0+000 to Station 0+131 = 131 linear meters) and (Segment 2, Station 0+000 to Station 0+563 = 563 linear meters) with identification contract number of XXXXXX-XXXXXX. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

The breakdown of the project is as follows:

Scope of Works	Amount
General Requirements Dredging, and Disposal of Dredged Materials Lower Park Development Construction of Anchor Blocks Solar/Fossil Park Lights Mobilization and Demobilization	Php 32,300,000.00

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission now invites bids for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero de Sampaloc (Segment 1, Station 0+000 to Station 0+131 = 131 linear meters) and (Segment 2, Station 0+000 to Station 0+563 = 563 linear meters). Completion of the Works is One Hundred Fifty (150) Calendar Days. Bidders should have completed within the (10) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a single contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II, Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday (8:00am – 5:00PM) starting August 06, 2012.

6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Twenty Thousand Pesos Only (Php 20,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, provided that bidders shall pay the fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will conduct a Project Site Inspection with assembly area at PRRC office (3F Pasig Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. on August 10, 2012.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will also hold a Pre-Bid Conference on August 13, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

Bids must be delivered to the PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City on or before August 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Other information regarding the bid project shall be given by the PRRC on the Bid Bulletin.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please contact:

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INVITATION TO BID FOR
Rehabilitation and Development of Estero De San Sebastian (Station 0+000 to Station 0+278 = 278 linear meters)

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, through the FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (R.A. No. 10155) intends to apply the sum of the Fifteen Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos Only (Php 15,300,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero de San Sebastian (Station 0+000 to Station 0+278 = 278 linear meters) with identification contract number of XXXXXX-XXXXXX. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

The breakdown of the project is as follows:

Scope of Works	Amount
1. General Requirements 2. Dredging, and Disposal of Dredged Materials 3. Road Improvement 4. Lower Park Development 5. Construction of Anchor Blocks 6. Installation of Solar Panel Park Lights 7. Mobilization and Demobilization	Php 15,300,000.00

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission now invites bids for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero de San Sebastian (Station 0+000 to Station 0+278 = 278 linear meters). Completion of the Works is One Hundred Fifty (150) Calendar Days. Bidders should have completed, within the (10) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a single contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II, Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday (8:00am – 5:00PM) starting August 06, 2012.

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It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, provided that bidders shall pay the fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will conduct a Project Site Inspection with assembly area at PRRC office (3F Pasig Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. on August 10, 2012.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will also hold a Pre-Bid Conference on August 13, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

Bids must be delivered to the PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City on or before August 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Other information regarding the bid project shall be given by the PRRC on the Bid Bulletin.

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INVITATION TO BID FOR
Rehabilitation and Development of Estero De Valenzuela (Station 0+000 to Station 1+122 = 1,122 linear meters)

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, through the FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (R.A. No. 10155) intends to apply the sum of Twenty Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Pesos Only (Php 22,300,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero de Valenzuela (Station 0+000 to Station 1+122 = 1,122 linear meters) with identification contract number of XXXXXX-XXXXXX. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.

The breakdown of the project is as follows:

Scope of Works	Amount
1. General Requirements 2. Dredging, and Disposal of Dredged Materials 3. Road Improvement 4. Lower Park Development 5. Removal / Clearing of Site Debris 6. Mobilization and Demobilization	Php 22,300,000.00

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission now invites bids for Rehabilitation and Development of Estero De Valenzuela (Station 0+000 to Station 1+122 = 1,122 linear meters). Completion of the Works is One Hundred Fifty (150) Calendar Days. Bidders should have completed within the (10) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a single contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II, Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from Monday to Friday (8:00am – 5:00PM) starting August 06, 2012.

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A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Twenty Thousand Pesos Only (Php 20,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, provided that bidders shall pay the fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will conduct a Project Site Inspection with assembly area at PRRC office (3F Pasig Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City) from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. on August 10, 2012.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission will also hold a Pre-Bid Conference on August 13, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

Bids must be delivered to the PRRC Conference Room, 6th Floor, Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City on or before August 24, 2012, 11:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

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Other information regarding the bid project shall be given by the PRRC on the Bid Bulletin.

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(PDI - August 5, 2012)

BRIGHTSKIES
TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give notice to the public that **MARIA ROSARIO ISABEL "MARISSA" CARBALLO** (Exif No. 170), 44 Palanca St. San Juan City, Metro Manila, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with **BRIGHTSKIES TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC. (BTT)** at 1st Floor, ELJ State Tower, 30 Quezon Ave., Quezon City effective March 31, 2012.

As such, she is not anymore authorized to conduct any business in the name of BTT. Accordingly, any transactions entering into in the name of BTT starting March 31, 2012, will no longer be honored by this Company.

She has a pending criminal case before the Office of the City Prosecutor, Quezon City.

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World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

Call for Expression of Interest
(Events Organizer for the Training of Trainers for the Revised Dengue Clinical Case Management Guidelines)

The WHO Country office and the Department of Health is currently looking for an events organizer who can assist in organizing a series of trainings for hospital-based physicians and Dengue program managers in the Centres for Health Development (CHDs). The training aims to update physicians and medical facilities on the revised Dengue Clinical Guidelines for Diagnosis, Prevention and Control. The main aim is to develop a team of clinical trainers for nurses, Visayas and Mindanao who will serve as trainers at the provincial, city and municipal level.

The events organizer will manage administrative, logistical and financial management needs of trainings.

Short description of work:

The contractual partner (firm) will be responsible for the following tasks:

1) Coordinate with the WHO Country Office, the National Dengue Prevention and Control Program of the Department of Health, and other relevant offices on matters related to the training of trainers;
2) Assist to identify and engage individual consultant(s) who will serve as resource speaker and/or facilitator for training;
3) Assist to develop a course curriculum/training design for training;
4) Assist to select and develop training modules/ participant notes;
5) Ensure full documentation of training;
6) Submit technical and financial reports at the end of the activity subject to the approval of WHO and DOH

There will be five (5) batches of training: 2 Luzon, 1 Visayas and 1 Mindanao.

Qualifications:

The firm should have (1) relevant experience in organizing events and training, (2) a good financial standing and (3) competent staff to handle the required tasks and deliver required outputs on time.

Timelines: August-November 2012

Please submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) together with your organizational profile on or before 17 August 2012 to Ms. Susan Guillano at

sallmes@wpro.who.int

Please address your cover letter to:

Dr Sze Ngoot Ip
WHO Representative
Office of the WHO Representative of the Philippines
(Second Floor, Building I)
Department of Health, San Lazaro Hospital Compound
Sta Cruz, Manila, Philippines

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that

CRISTINE R. STA. BRIGIDA

is no longer connected with ARTRUSTS, and TOURS, INC. (formerly AB Travel and Tours) effective June 18, 2012. Any transaction made with or through her shall not be honored by the said company. Please transact directly with our office.

(PDI - August 05, 2012)

MAGELLAN COGENERATION INC.
July 31, 2012

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Please be informed that the Regional Trial Court, Branch 27 Imus, Cavite in Special Proceedings case docketed as the Matter dated May 31, 2012 in SEC Case No. 09-06 for dissolution of the Operating assets of Magellan Cogeneration, Inc. ("MCI") voted unanimously.

In line with a supported creation of MCI's any and all their debts shall be discharged from August 31, 2012 to September 15, 2012 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., personally or through their duly authorized representatives:

- Certified true copy of valid business permit;
- Duly accomplished creditor's claim form filled with the Secretary and Treasurer of Corporation;
- Original signed latest installment outstanding your account representative to another statement and a copy of a Balance Sheet and Statement of Income of MCI's audit statement signatories;
- Two valid government issued photographic IDs with specimen signatures (if authorized representative is authorized signatory).

Any will receive a cancelled notice to the same claim form the undersigned. Please use the same claim, please bring the original signed notice for verification purposes.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Bernadette R. Mendiguarin at the office of the MCI Assignee, Unit 1201, 2nd Floor, LKG Building, Roxas Blvd. corner Gamboa St., Ermita City, telephone number 400-2207 or 8554-8411.

(Sgd.) CAROL S. MENDIOLA
Assignee

(PDI - July 30 & July 31, 2012)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the contracts enumerated below:

Various Office Repair	Supply, delivery and installation of MDF boards, GI/PVC/PVC/GI, Plumbing
Janitorial Supplies for DTI Central Office	P12,218,280.00
Various Construction Works	Office Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Tests, DTI Central Office and Regional Offices (7 Projects)

Bidding documents (schedule, terms and conditions) are available at the BAC Secretariat and issued to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the bidding documents as indicated below. Bidding documents may be purchased through cash, manager's check or cashier's check payable to the DTI-BAC. Interested bidders may also request for the bidding documents through electronic mail (e-mail) subject to the submission of the non-refundable fee for the bidding documents not later than the last business day prior to the deadline of submission of bids.

Bids must be accompanied by the required bid security in the form and amount stipulated in the bidding documents.

The DTI reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to declare a failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

activities	schedules
1 Invitation to Bid Dissemination	Starting the August 2012 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) at BAC Trade and Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. Telefax Number: (632) 751-3487 / Fax No.: (632) 890-4251
2 Pre - bid Conference	13 August 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, BAC Trade and Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
3 Bids Opening & Opening of Bids	28 August 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, BAC Trade and Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

Bidding is restricted to Philippine citizens/organizations, cooperatives, or associations, 100% of which are owned by Philippine citizens and duly registered with the appropriate government agency/ies, and to be undertaken by Philippine citizens/organizations, cooperatives, or associations, 100% of which are owned by Philippine citizens, pursuant to RA 9184 and subject to its implementing rules and regulations.

In accordance with RA 9184, the Government Procurement Reform Act, bidders must have the following minimum licenses and/or permits: (1) Valid and current Mayor's/Business Permit; (2) Valid and current Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License; and (3) Tax Clearance per Executive Order 398, series of 2005.

Prospective bidders may inspect the plans and specifications at the DTI Central Office and Regional Offices during office hours. Bidders may obtain further information from the DTI-BAC Secretariat at the above address and telephone number.

Engr. ROMMEL C. ARNALDO
Undersecretary
Chairperson, DTI Bids and Awards Committee

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CHANNEL EDITOR

- College graduate, preferably major in Journalism
- At least 3 years work experience as Editor for news organization or its related job
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- Willing to work for long hours and odd shifts
- Familiarity with latest Internet trends and technologies
- Computer Skills, Communication Skills, Writing Skills, Reportorial Skills, Interpersonal Skills

MULTIMEDIA REPORTER

- College Graduate, preferably major in Journalism or Communication Arts
- At least 1 year experience in a reportorial or related job
- With Computer, Communication, Writing, Interviewing, and Research Skills
- Willing to take on multimedia tasks
- Can work well in a group

WEB DEVELOPER

- College graduate, preferably B.S Computer Science / Information Technology
- At least 2 years work experience in a related job
- Experienced in Content Management System (Wordpress, Joomla, Drupal)
- Experienced in deployment of website based on LAMP (Linux Apache, MySQL, PHP)
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- Must be 40-50 yrs. old, single/married
- Successfully completed all advance training programs (S.T.C.W)
- With valid Certificate of Competency or Endorsement
- At least 3-4 yrs. sea service experience
- With ample experience in inspection of cargo holds (loading, stowage and discharge), availability and condition of all vessel safety equipment
- Has excellent communication skills
- Willing to work in extended hours

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- Must be 35-45 yrs. old, single/married
- Successfully completed all advance training programs (S.T.C.W)
- With valid Certificate of Competency or Endorsement
- At least 4-5 yrs. sea service experience
- With broad experience of maintaining and repairing all of the mechanical and electrical operations on board
- Has good communication skills
- Willing to work in extended hours

OILER

- Male, 28 to 45 yrs. Old
- At least 2 yrs. Experience as oiler
- Willing to be assigned in Navotas
- Basic troubleshooting skills and background in cargo discharg is an advantage
- Knowledge in boiler and engine operation
- Preferably with Seaman's book

CHEMIST

- Male/ female, 28 to 35 years old
- Graduate of B.S. Chemistry
- Must be licensed and with at least 5 years experience in conducting qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis
- Possesses impressive knowledge on chemical laboratory procedures and techniques
- Must be willing to be assigned in Laguna or Antipolo area

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ ASSISTANT

- Female, 28 to 35 years old
- Adept in organizing the schedule of the company executives
- Preferably graduate of Mass Communication
- Smart, articulate with good communication skills
- Proficient in oral and written English
- Chinese speaking is an advantage
- Willing to travel with executives

ISO INTERNAL AUDITOR

- Male/ female, at least 28 years old
- Graduate of BS Chemical, Chemical Engineering or Industrial Engineering
- With at least 2-3 years experience in ISO documentation auditing (QMS/EMS)

DOCUMENT CONTROLLER

- Male/ female, at least 26 years old
- College graduate of any course
- Preferably with shipping background
- Computer literate

ENCODER

- Male/ female at least 20 to 35 years old
- Graduate of any course
- Computer literate
- Can type at least 35 wpm
- Knowledge in Microsoft Office

Qualified applicants are requested to apply in person with Curriculum Vitae, valid passport, I.D. pictures, NBI clearance, transcript of record, training and previous employment certificates at:

158 P. Tuazon Blvd. cor. 7th/8th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City

Allergy, dust mite buster Raycop launched

RAYCOP UVC ANTI-ALLERgy vacuum cleaner, a proven and tested compact vacuum cleaner, was launched recently in Pasig City. The newest home contraption manufactured by Taiwan-based Raycop Sonic Co., Ltd., is a proven and tested vacuum cleaner that helps kill almost 99% of dust mites and 90% of bacteria, including the dreaded H1N1 influenza A virus. The Raycop uses a patented 3-step vibrating, sterilizing and double filtering cleaning process to kill these harmful allergens. The vibrating pad first shakes the bacteria and dust mites from the fabric. Then, a powerful UVC sterilization lamp kills the bacteria, dust mites and virus, and its powerful vacuum sucks the dead dust mites and bacteria and five traps from using a Micro Allergy Filtration system to make sure they don't re-enter the room and land again on any fabric. The Raycop is designed for use in homes, offices, hotels, lodges, or any structure where there are beds, linens, sofas, curtains, futons, sofas, beddings, pillows and other types of furnishings that use fabrics.

Women in photo during the launch are the Raycop Ambassadors (in Filipino audience) carrying the different Raycop model units. With them are Dr. Manuel Po, guest allergologist and chairman of Dr. To Del Mundo Medical Center Foundation Philippines (third from left); Ms. Catherine Ty (fourth from left), president and general manager, Zinaco International Corp; Dr. Sung Jo Lee (fourth from right), president of Bukang Bato Co. Ltd.; Mr. Charlie Moreira, (third from right) next to the deputy director of Korea Trade Center(KOTRA). The Raycop UVC anti-allergy cleaner is available at Robinsons Department stores, SM B, Landmark, and some of Wilcon Builders (Libis, QC) and Rimcon's Department Stores. For more details, visit website www.raycop.com or call its Philippine distributor Zinnac Intl Corp. at (02) 7267702 and 7267786.

BIBLE QUIZ: THE RACE BEGINS

THE 3RD ST. PAUL NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ SOES FULL BLAST with the holding of the Elimination Rounds and the Regional Finals in different regions of the country. Last July 14, the Quiz Team organized the elimination round for the southern Mindanao area. John Mihal B College of Davao hosted the event. In the afternoon of the following day, the regional championship was held at SM City, Davao. University of Immaculate Conception in Davao came out the winner and will represent the region in the national championship.

The men of Ateneo Visayas (Negros, Iloilo, Antique and Capiz) came last July 21 with the simultaneous elimination rounds in Bacolod City and Iloilo City, ranch Elementary of Negros Occidental Bacolod-Murcia Campus and Iloilo Doctors' schools. In the eastern of Mindanao held at SM City, Iloilo on July 21, Colegio de San Jose of Iloilo City came out as the Regional Champion.

Elimination rounds for Central Visayas will be held in Cagayan de Oro, Bohol, and Cebu. The Regional Finals will be held in Cebu City on July 28.

The Quiz Team will also hold the rounds for Northern Luzon (Regional Finals in SM Baguio City), Southern Luzon (Finals at St. Paul Seminary,Silang, Cavite), Central Luzon (Finals at SM San Fernando, Pampanga) and National Capital Region (Finals at SM Megamall).

The Regional champions will vie for the Championship title on September 15 at the Manila International Book Fair, SMX, Mall of Asia, Pasay City.

The 9th Saint National Bible Quiz is a biblical initiative of the Society of St. Paul in partnership with Printed Gide Asia, Inc., the organizer of the book fair. The theme for this year's event is "Proclaim the Word, Profess the Faith" in view of the coming celebration of the Year of Faith called by Pope Benedict XVI.

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NLRC finds Marie France not liable for Illegal Dismissal

The First Division of the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) affirmed the Decision of Labor Arbiter Catalino Ladera dismissing the illegal dismissal complaint filed by three former employees of Marie France Bodyline International (MFBI) for lack of merit.

In a 13-page resolution promulgated on May 30, 2012 and penned by NLRC Presiding Commissioner Gerardo Nograles, the NLRC declared that it is "inescapable that because complainants have admitted the offenses for which they are charged there is clearly substantial evidence to establish the validity of complainants' dismissal." Citing the Supreme Court Decision in the case of Azul vs. Banco Filipino, the NLRC explained "admission is evidence of the highest order and does not require further proof. It binds the person who makes the same... no amount of rationalization can offset it."

Earlier, in a Resolution promulgated on January 20, 2012 and penned by Commissioner Leticia Velasco, the NLRC declared that Complainants Maritess Lumahan, former Center Manager of MFBI – Tomas Morato; Irma Tuazon, former Sales Consultant of MFBI – Tomas Morato; and Juvy Rito-on, former receptionist of MFBI – Tomas Morato were illegally dismissed and awarded to said Complainants a total amount of P19,168,653.61.

However, having reconsidered said resolution and declared that they were properly dismissed from their jobs, the said Complainants are no longer entitled to the said monetary award. The NLRC explained "consonant with our findings above, there is consequently no legal basis for awarding backwages, separation pay and attorney's fees to the complainants."

In coming up with its latest Resolution, the NLRC took note of the material admission freely and voluntarily entered by the Complainant during the administrative hearing called by the management of MFBI. These admissions relate to irregularities committed by the Complainants, which include tampering of the official receipts, forgeries, among others. The NLRC also stated that Lumahan created some ghost clients.

The NLRC also found that MFBI properly followed the procedural due process in terminating an employee from its job. The NLRC said, "we revisited the show cause notices issued to the Complainants and are satisfied that they are sufficient enough to apprise the complainants of the nature of charges against them."

"Considering that the complainant were not only informed of the charges against them but were also able to respond to the charges against them during the administrative hearing, it is evident that respondents have complied with the procedural requirements for the dismissal of an employee," the NLRC further said.

(SGD.) – August 5, 2012

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Based on the latest laboratory results of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and local government units (LGUs), shellfish collected at **Sorsogon Bay in Zambales** del Sur; Manila Bay in Zambales and Bataan Occidental; and coastal waters of Hinigaran in Negros Occidental, are still positive for paralytic shellfish poison that is beyond the regulatory limit.

All types of shellfish and fusiliers sp. or alamang gathered from the areas above are NOT SAFE for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs (with no gills and intestines) are removed before cooking.

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The Senior Finance & Administration (F&A) Manager will provide leadership in overseeing the financial and contractual aspects of the project. The Senior F&A Manager works closely with the Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party, Program staff, and others to ensure a quality financial, contractual and administrative reporting to the management team and to agencies external to Jhpiego. The Senior F&A Manager will also ensure financial systems and reports are compatible with standard accounting practices and follow USAID and Jhpiego rules and regulations. Master's degree in Business Administration, Finance, Accounting or equivalent experience. At least eight years of experience in administrative and financial management of large, USAID funded international programs in developing countries; knowledge of US government cost principles, GAAP accounting rules, and grants/contract management.

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The Family Planning/Maternal and Child Health (FP/MCH) Advisor is responsible for providing technical leadership on all key result areas of the project. The FP/MCH Advisor should be knowledgeable about the service delivery and training aspects of all reproductive health, FP, and MCH services. The FP/MCH Advisor will be mainly responsible for making sure that the training programs are technically sound, and follow up to each guidelines and clinical practices. Graduate degree in medicine, midwifery, nursing, public health, or other relevant field. At least seven years of experience designing, implementing, monitoring or evaluating programs related to RH, FP, MCH, or other public health programs.

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WINES and Spirits

Winemaker Ed Sbragia introduces Beringer's Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

Acclaimed Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon showcased

Winemaker Ed Sbragia also shares Beringer's finest at the Vinexpo Asia-Pacific 2012

By Katherine Yao Santos

HONG KONG—Beringer Vineyards, the longest-running and most awarded winery in the Napa Valley, showcased its flagship Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon along with six Napa Valley portfolio at the recent Vinexpo Asia-Pacific. This was the first time Beringer participated in the expo, which demonstrated a growing importance of the Asia marketplace to the winery and its commitment to the region.

The event also served as a perfect platform for cult-brand winemaker Ed Sbragia to share stories from the top American Viticultural Areas in California with Asian wine professionals, and demonstrate Beringer's expertise in crafting Napa Valley wines.

The 6th winemaker since Beringer was established over 130 years ago, Ed Sbragia embodies a unique legacy in winemaking in the Napa Valley. A third-generation Italian-American from Healdsburg, California, Ed grew up with a Tuscan tradition—good red wine was a part of every family dinner. He earned a degree in Chemistry at the University of California at Davis and a master's degree in Enology at California State University in Fresno.

Ed's career at Beringer began in 1974 as winemaking pioneer Myron Nightingale's assistant and was named chief winemaker in 1984 upon Myron's retirement. In 2001, Ed celebrated his 25th harvest at Beringer, which coincidentally celebrated its 125th anniversary as the oldest continuously operating winery in Napa Valley.

Ed Sbragia is the only winemaker in the world to receive Wine Spectator's "Wine of the Year" award for both a red (1986 Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon in 1990) and white wine (1994 Fumé Blanc-Chardonnay in 1996). One of Ed's greatest achievements to date has been in establish Beringer Vineyards as one of the cornerstones of the Napa Valley wine industry—Napa's Finest.

Each vineyard offers a unique expression of terroir. By blending the very best lots, and studying and tasting them separately, the winemaker is able to uncover the characters and structure of each vineyard yet crafting a wine that is lush, seductive and rich at the same time, yet very silky and round—a wine that defines elegance.

2008 was the last PR Cabernet Sauvignon vintage made by Ed. The year was defined by a dry cold March, cool summer with a few heat spikes followed by sun in September and October. Harvest was in mid-October to mid-November.

The wine offers richness, concentration and depth while remaining elegant and supple, focusing on the ripe, juicy currant, mineral, herb and sage notes, reflective of Rutherford, Howell Mountain and Mayacamas. Only 1,487 percent new oak barrels were used.

Ed likes blending a small percentage of Cabernet Franc in his Private Reserve. Cabernet Franc is very aromatic, provides a round and elongated finish thus adding another dimension to the usual elegant finish of the wine.

While Ed's last vintage was 2005, 1977 was the first vintage he, together with his mentor, Myron Nightingale, crafted. This was Beringer's very first Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, a 100-percent Cabernet Sauvignon from Chabot Vineyard. Ed shared that he had recently tasted the '77 and the wine, now fully developed, surprisingly still has rich dark fruit and chocolate flavors, good structure and is drinking beautifully.

In keeping with the winery's determination to apply the designation only to the product of the finest grapes from the finest vineyard and the most exacting winemaking techniques, no 1979 Private Reserve was produced. It was a bad year. Chabot Vineyard—the favored Cabernet Sauvignon vines were torn phenomenon struck and shut down before the grapes ripened.

In 2000, Ed Sbragia became Beringer's winemaker emeritus, turning over

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Summer mushrooms and wine

By Chef Markus Glaser

THERE are thousands of mushrooms in existence but only a handful find their way into the kitchen, and even less are deemed worthy of being given a passage into the world of gourmet food.

Whole many edible mushrooms are commercially grown, some of them are only naturally found in the wild, rarely cultivated, and only harvested in certain times of the year. The rarity and seasonality come closer in creating a demand for these ruby nuggets jewels.

Among these solid edible mushrooms, the golden chanterelle and black summer truffle are one of the most highly esteemed species.

Rare Chanterelle

Often referred to as golden chanterelle or girolle, these mushrooms rarely find their way to Manila fresh and are available mainly canned or dried. They are considered as one of the most popular and piquant gourmet bargs, along with truffles and morels, and is the best known kind of the chanterelle family.

Given the season for golden chanterelle arises, a handful of chefs of mainly western restaurants are racing for an opportunity to showcase the true beauty of these perishable mushrooms.

In CAV, my seasonal menu dishes that showcase the chanterelle's distinct earthy fragrance and rich complex flavor. Enjoy them in a lightly prepared Salad of Autumn Leaves and Flowers with Balsamic Essence, or with handmade Tagliatelle Pasta in a Rose Goat Cream.

Then are also offered, lusciously in a Ragu in a Gamay nuit Parmentier Mushroom with a side of Parmesan Risotto and with seared Duck Foie Gra on a Celeriac Puree and Black Truffle Syrup.

Ever-Elusive Truffles

The chanterelle mushroom is a very tough offer ingredient, but it pays extra lavers—possibly more famous and legendary are the ever-elusive truffles. While not a mushroom per se, they are the fleeting bodies of a mushroom. They are irregular in shape and full share an heavy appealing in appearance, but unlike many mushrooms, their culinary importance is attributed mainly to their aroma.

The Gimma gastronome, Jean Anthelme Brillat Savarin, called truffles the diamond of the kitchen. Generally, truffles have an intense aroma and are earthier than mushrooms in taste.

Depending on where and where they are sourced, their flavor and aroma can vary incredibly.

Because truffles are relatively expensive, truffle oil, a less costly substitute, is used by many to incorporate the flavor and aroma of real truffles in many dishes. However, one has to know that most truffle oil is simply olive oil infused with artificial attributes of the kitchen area.

Truffles are found in open ground and harvested with the aid of trained dogs and dogs that are able to detect the strong smell. It is a daunting task and requires much time and experience over the goal. It takes a period of seven years for the first spruce but they usually grow at the same site for several years.

Truffles are classified by color and are mainly sourced from across Europe. The most highly esteemed white truffles are from the regions of Italy, but they can also be found in the neighboring country of Croatia. France, Spain, and Italy are the key players in the truffle market.

It is that time of the year again when every chef's favor turns a little fonzy. The autumn's offer have arrived—not as pungent as the famed Perigord and Alba truffles but delectable and esteemed nonetheless.

Summer truffles are harvested a few months earlier and are more reasonably priced than its siblings. Its taste must as it becomes softer, and is a sweet, delicate, and earthy.

At the CAV, we found here different dishes that enhance the subs pitable taste and smell of summer truffles. On their menu is a tasty serving of cuties named Summer Truffle & Asiago Tuile, a delicious serving of Organic Egg Tagliatelle Cuisine topped with finely shaved Truffles, and a Parmentier with Dennis-ter Grass.

Many will say that mushroom is the hardest food to match with wine, but with the advent of revolutionary cooking, the rules in wine pairing have long been broken—now, your favorite mushroom dishes can be paired with a variety of wines.

Lightly sauteed mushrooms paired with champagnes are a great match. The mushrooms's earthiness complements the champagne's commonly dry and earthy notes. In CAV, they recommend a Bollinger, Ebner du Blanc which isn't drastically also taste not to be the best to accentuate sparkling wine at the White House in Washington or a classy Bacon Pollard roast. Pancake cuisine.

Of course, wine pairing greatly depends on how a particular chefs is personal. Many mushroom recipes call for white wine and it makes perfect sense to pair them with a chardonnay or red such as a Meursault from Burgundy or a modern Australian Lascome Estate An Estate Chardonnay.

Red wine is traditionally paired with red meat. Because of a mushroom's meaty texture feel, you can never go wrong with having it with red wine. In CAV they recommend their mushroom dishes to be paired with either a Beringer, Pinot Noir 8 star Napa Valley, or an old world Gevrey Chambertin from Bressanet Bewley in France.

Chanterelle mushrooms and summer truffles are incredibly versatile. They can be used to enhance a particular dish or be used as the main ingredient themselves. Our thing a bit more, the sophistication of their flavors and texture in cooking are undeniably unmistakable.

And how else would we complete the enjoyment of these flavorful gems but with a glass of wine—bubbly, white or red.

CAV Wine Shop-Cafe, located in the house of Dasmarinas High Street in Tagaig City is featuring chanterelle mushrooms and black summer truffles for a limited time.

Acclaimed Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon showcased

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the Beringer wine master responsibilities to Laurie Work. Laurie joined Beringer in 1990 as vinologist, became Ed's assistant winemaker in 2007, and was promoted as winemaker in 2008.

Together with novice Ed, they have consistently created the exemplary standard of quality consistency and luscious fruit Beringer's Private Reserve is known for and historic, and has ensured Beringer the distinction of earning more 90+ scores from Robert Parker and Wine Spectator than any other California winery.

Ed refers to Laurie's 2009 Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon as "a spectacular vintage." He revealed that for the first time, Petite Verdot was blended into the extraordinary wine.

When asked which are his favorite PR Cabernet Sauvignon vintages, Ed replied without hesitation: "'78, '87, '91, '97 and possibly 2001."

For somebody who has achieved so much and has so many accolades to his name, Ed Sbragia has both feet on the ground, is humble and is passionate in sharing, a gentle man in every way. There is so much to write about Ed Sbragia but perhaps it is best to keep some mystery and wait for Chapter 3.

Sbragia Family Vineyards is what's keeping Ed very busy these days. The vineyard is a family venture where his sons, Adam, a Ed's co-winemakers. Ed is excited that the Philippines will be one of the first in Asia to taste his wine.

Sbragia Family Wine will be available in late quarter of this year.

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TASTING NOTES

Dierberg's 2007 Pinot Noir: A wine for all ages

THE SOLTICE VINEYARD is located atop a sandy loam mesa above the South Bench of the Santa Maria River Valley. Its rich loam features a terroir quickly rolling hills and soils that are uncharacteristic of the growing area. The higher loam content and slightly heavier texture of the soil tends to produce Pinot Noirs that are more powerful in structure and more savory in flavor. Notice typical for the Santa Maria Valley.

Fruit is harvested by hand type—across several different blocks—either those by discreet clonal selections. The grapes are destemmed but not crushed and occasionally whole clusters are included based upon the gut instinct of the winemaking team. Very little water is added to this fermenter and no yeast nutrients are used.

The must is chilled to 55 degrees Fahrenheit and allowed warm slowly and commence fermentation on its own accord. Peak fermentation temperatures are in the high 80's and low 90's, and the wine stays on its skins for an average of 36 days.

The wine undergoes malolactic primary fermentation and undergoes no cool any fermentation or barrel without the addition of commercial malolactic bacteria. The 2007 Dierberg was aged in 45 percent new French oak for 18 months and was bottled unfined and unfiltered in early April 2009.

The 2007 Dierberg Pinot Noir marks a return to the intense style that has characterized the vineyard. As opposed to 2006, a vintage defined by high temperature and earlier harvest dates, 2007 was dry and fall during September, allowing the vineyard to harvest in a pragmatic fashion.

The Estate Pinot Noir's cool-toned brings a clarity to the wine that is breathtaking, while the improved vineyard health resulting from natural farming practices infuses fruit a level of refinement far beyond any vintage to date.

The brambleberry reflects the character of the vintage, with intense aromas of blackberry, cherry de Provence and just hagstone. The flavors of coffee and pine blackberry are lifted by vibrant acidity and cut minute in a firm blend of tannins. Definitely a wine for the ages, the 2007 Dierberg Vineyard Pinot thinks will now with the most deeply flavored fruit, but will reward patient cellaring for decades to come.

Tempting offer

Le Temps shows wines and watches do mix

LE TEMPS, an exclusive watch boutique owned and operated by the Lozon.ca Group, opened its doors to the public last August in the Bonifacio Global City area with Romulo Glee Jones David Coulthard as its guest of honor. So it wasn't surprising that one could find a number of ultra-luxury motoring-inspired timepieces being displayed. But what is interesting and different about Le Temps is its boutique dimension, the Lozon.ca Group's longest-lasting and possibly resulting in the country, is that it also features in a wine bar and a cozy resource lounge where its customers can relax and enjoy interesting tech fellow watch aficionados while having a variety of wine from the Romulo wine collection.

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Penfolds releases the world's most expensive wine

TO CELEBRATE the 40th anniversary of a truly extraordinary wine and to do so in the Penfolds tradition of innovation and experimentation, the winemakers broke new ground by releasing the limited edition 2004 Kalimna Block 42 Cabernet Shiraz/Cabernet to a price unheard of in the country. The new wine is a multi-dimensional delight.

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Together they have created a beautiful, thoughtful, unique shiraz that can be enjoyed in many ways as an ideal wine moment. The Penfolds Kalimna Block 42 Cabernet Shiraz/Cabernet is a wine that is a multi-dimensional delight. The wine is a multi-dimensional delight. The wine is a multi-dimensional delight. The wine is a multi-dimensional delight.

When a decision is made to open the torpedo, a series members of the Penfolds winemaking team will personally attend a special opening ceremony for the owner to identify your very own wine cellar.

The introduction will unveil in the decanter of choice, where the sommelier will be environmentally removed from its glass placed with strong and opened using a specially designed, stopper-ripped, sterling silver corkscrew. The winemaker will then prepare the wine using a beautifully crafted sterling silver cutlery.

The glass tableware was designed and hand blown by Claudio Biondi, an environmentally recognized glass artist. To create the torpedo, Biondi designed and hand blown a custom, elongated glass bottle of translucent gray glass with a silver and "cosmic swirl" top.

The glass bottle is suspended in a Complete Jacob cabinet, with the torpedo held securely in its top. Parmenter Australian designer maker Brandt Bettes proposed all the premium metal detailing. Parmenter is physician Andrew Brobbel designed and made the bespoke Jacob cabinet, where the torpedo is suspended.

The automatic guide torpedo, designed to store the wine to an ideal temperature, and rotated within the glass sculpture, was created by various specialists, including Dr. Lanka Brobbel.

Penfolds' 2004 Block 42 is a rare, multi-varietal wine, only released in select vintages and produced from the oldest continuously producing Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the world. Penfolds' winemaking team and scientific experts, of which a winemaker vines have a deep understanding of the terroir of winemaking, the temperature, rainfall and seasonal changes that create a great wine. So it was natural that Penfolds would release the first vintage of Penfolds Grange in 1951 from vineyards throughout of Australia that year.

Since then, a series of outstanding wines, both white and red, have been released under the Penfolds name. For more information on the wine, including in-depth tasting notes, visit www.penfolds.com.

Ortigas Home Depot's restaurants and bars at Julia Vargas Avenue

ASIDE from CW Home Depot's landmark home improvement center, the complex houses its home grown cafes, bars and restaurants, some of which have eventually branched out into franchises and chains. Here's a look at some of them.

Big Daddy's Flamed Burgers and Steaks

From the most owners to the highly popular Jay-z's named made popular to Ortigas Home Depot about seven years back, this home chain of Home Depot has been a hit and chicken wing concept is the latest brainchild of restaurateur genius Jay Jay Mendoza. These two popular restaurants are home grown chains that had its humble origins in Ortigas Home Depot. The Portfolio brings us served juicy and hot, a good answer to one and also a good appetizer for hot that is served at cold in the bar pit and steak plate to cancel in the corner of Ortigas Home Depot and Julia Vargas Avenue. Double or more it's a date around Pizza bottled burgers of pure Angus beef with its generous serving of condiments. On many fans and with patches that's expensive, the burger maker be a good quick meal.

Cafe 101's

When you're in the mood for some 80's music, this is the place to be. The food and drinks are surprisingly affordable. Chillin' whether you were around in the 80's decade or not with the wine, this place will take you on the many bodied wine road trip of a lifetime. Rest your eyes with 80's memorabilia on the walls and you will see why it was the name it was named after.

Casa Marcos and The Bread Bag

The story of Casa Marcos began in the 1990's when a Spanish national named Marcos de Guzmán opened a restaurant to his name along Wack Wack Boulevard. It was a well-welcoming atmosphere and authentic Spanish meals quickly became the favorite of the local crowd as well as other Spanish nationals. In that time, our grandfather Bro del Rosario had fallen hard for a client and the two started a close friendship. When the time needed to return to Spain, he decided to pass on ownership of Casa Marcos to Bro, who was one of its frequent patrons and had become familiar with its operations.

In 1992, the family of Bro decided to open a branch in Ortigas Avenue in Quezon City so that patrons from the northeast part of the city would be able to satisfy their Spanish, Catalan and Cuban tastes the without having to go all the way to Roxas Boulevard. It was also here that a bakery unit by the now very popular Casa Marcos Bread of six established. Cost this area eventually moved from Ortigas Avenue to Roxas Marcos before a closed in 2003 to 2000.

The success of Casa Marcos was partly because due to the regulars of The Bread Bag (located in Ortigas Home Depot, where one can have his/her classic pakaian with one with per orange pan de sal, is a menu adapted from favorite dishes and cupcakes from Casa Marcos. The Bread Bag's customers, off-peeves, relatives, and friends have continued to ask about Casa Marcos all these years, and have never failed to say they miss the pan de sal, the pastries, and tapa de sinigang, as well as other dishes. The place has recently become popular hangout for foreign shoppers since the place started serving seasoned beer and affordable regional wines. For more information, you can 284-2505, Ortigas Home Depot, 2 Parijat St., Bang Ong, telephone 1632 4782627 and www.casamarcos.multiply.com.

Funny Bones

Unusual with friends or family and fill the night with music and indulge in good food is only an understatement as Funny Bones is a big one. Right beside the bowling alley, Funny Bones' dense and ambience inspire wonderful moments with family and friends. It's not the place where you can make wonderful connections, or does anyone suppose, it's "where people connect."

For Dim and Beans

Another popular Ortigas Home grown restaurant is the Dim Chin and Beans. Our latest addition consists of Chef Fredie Aguado and Tan with Lyn Gosing from a strong retail background, being the owners of the highly popular apparel brand and retail chain BATO, the duo may have ventured in something that is close to their heart – the joy of food and entertaining. Dim Chin stands for Hometown Chicken and it is one of the few places in Ortigas where one can find affordable and yet sachet. Hometown Chicken has "fucked away at the back side of Ortigas Home Depot's Food Court. Tender Agustin, along with business partner Jong Tanseo, who is also a chef and has worked in a New York luxury named Barton earned he would famous Chef Mario Batalee, had long wanted to open a place in Dim and marriage their expertise to set out in starting it into a full-time business. Its genuine ambience and warm setting is a most modern take of a typical Boulders style restaurant and is a great place for having a large family dinner or a new and easy lunch meeting with a colleague. Another main way is an USDA Boneless Rib Steak, thickly paired with a nice bottle of wine from an wine list. Only a few months in the business and already talks of expanding the menu to be franchisable brand in the BGC and Alabang area. For reservations, contact +63 917 5573773 and +632 66 17605.

Oma Restaurant and Bar

DMA offers something different from the other restaurants that have really familiar but with a twist and that surprises the patron in a reasonable price! This should be why Oma Restaurant and Bar, a fine cross cultural cuisine place located right beside Julia Vargas Ave. You cannot miss Mediterranean, Thai, Continental. But that's not the only one. A Mediterranean chef, located in Oma with much love. There you will find Oma that's both modern and unique at the same time. With the interior decor and aroma of garlic and a menu that is more than just a menu, but a culinary experience. Oma's cuisine is a mix of Mediterranean, Thai, Continental and Asian. Oma's menu is a mix of Mediterranean, Thai, Continental and Asian. Oma's menu is a mix of Mediterranean, Thai, Continental and Asian.

Sasui Fusion

This fusion take on the well known restaurant is a must for Japanese food lovers, namely Gyoza Lee and even the president has been known to visit this quiet restaurant a few times. Potato bread lies, you name a variety type of Kanto together with your family. They offer the traditional way of cooking and preparing your delectable Korean food with home cuisine. You can also have a unique dining experience by ordering barbecue grilled. Another great thing about this Korean restaurant is that they offer a wide variety of to accompany your meal. You will get 3-5 kinds of side dishes included in your meal for Free Fusion Salad offers different kinds of Korean food from Japanese, asian, street, bookstore and authentic Korean dishes. For barbecue lovers, you will really enjoy eating at Pulcra Beach. You can grill your own food in your table or you can ask them to serve what it was already cooked. Cup per you can cook it yourselves by added fun while you eat. In very affordable menu. Add on a lot of Asian food lovers and Korean customers needs.

The District

The District is a restaurant, bar and events place, home to a mix of Filipino, Japanese, Chinese and Continental cuisine in an intimate, contemporary urban setting. Offering a variety of liquors, wines, spirits and specialty drinks and both local and imported beers to its list. Provides a setting for an intimate meeting, happy hour with friends or just to relax and unwind. Perfect for a night out with friends, good drinks, and good company. Lounge with your friends and friends in a relaxed atmosphere with wines served out of racks, beers and authentic cocktails to the following. Raising and Carpe Vino. A nice relaxing retreat from the hustle and bustle offering very affordable and exquisite food and drinks.

Pretzel Noodles - Lemon Tuna Thai - Thai Chicken Curry - Butterfly Tights. Bitterness of 4 to 4 people total 20% discount on total bill. Thursday: Old Night Children's for 2 hours. Three tacos on the house. Is also offers: catering service and special customer events. Please contact Rico 0917-867 3926.

CW Home Depot offers top quality furnishings for homes, hotels and restobars

The Home Interior Superstore is a one-stop store and one-stop shop furniture haven owned and operated by CW Home Depot Group, Manila's fastest growing home center chain. Aside from its own furniture department, some branches also have independent furniture stores located in its Cartigas, Malugay Alabang, Makati (Pasong Tamo) and Balintawak (EDSA) branches. Among them include Bino Fine Furniture, Homelines, INDEX Furniture, Lagoon Furnishing, Moduloft, Ortigas Furniture, Ur Home, Victoria Mondeda and MOMA.

Aside from a wide variety of ready-made furniture designs and frames in set scans Manila, the superstore accepts made-to-order furniture for the most discerning customers. A platform of home décor and accessories also offers furniture buyers matching pieces to complement their furniture showcase. The sprawling furniture center is targeting home owners who are currently building their homes or doing renovation projects.

Whether it's a home or redo-bar or bed & breakfast hotel project, many have a hard time finding that perfect furniture. Then when we see that mesmerizing piece, we suddenly fall in love with it, impulsively buy it and end up dishing it as soon as it reaches our home.

It's about choosing the right furniture. Furniture buying can be considered a big purchase and whatever piece of furniture we purchased is something we have to live with for a long time. Whenever we wonder second furniture shops, it's hard not to imagine how pretty our home would be. Buying furniture is much complex than what it seems, and there are lots of factors that need to be well thought out first.

Consider the size of the room where the furniture will be placed. Do measurements and layout sketches to determine the size of the furniture that you're getting against the scale and proportions of your room. It's always best to come up with a mental picture of your desired furniture. Flip through home décor magazines and books, check our websites and do some window-shopping.

Dining tables usually come in classic rectangular and round shapes and some designs include leaves to expand seating capacity. Round dining tables work best in smaller dining rooms, and it's also more intimate for long conversations. Large tables though tend to make a dining room seem crowded. Try to get dining chairs that snug perfectly when it's pushed up close to the table.

MATTRESSES

The last but to be the most favored piece in your home since you always need to have that decent sleep. Mattresses come in single, twin, queen and king size. Choose whatever is feasible for your space. Metals, latex, bunk beds and loft beds are great alternatives as well.

It is a little uncommon to use water beds, but if you opt for it, just assure its quality so as to prevent leakages. For custom bundles, beddings will always do the work. Pick from solid colors to vivacious prints like striped, polka dot, plaid, and floral.

To get more ideas for your furniture shopping, check out the various furniture shops at CW Home Depot in its seven branches located in Balintawak (EDSA), Las Piñas, Makati (Chino Roces), Manila Bay, Ortigas, Pampanga (San Fernando) and Westgate Alabang. For more information, visit www.cwhomedepot.com or like them at Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/cwhomedepot and Twitter @cwhomedepot